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MINUTES

OF THE

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

For the seventy-fourth time in succession, the members of the Conference reported themselves for the annual reviewing of the condition and prospects of the work confided to them by the Church. It was the eleventh gathering of the body in Lynn, but the first time outside of the old Common-street edifice, — the spacious and beautiful house of the St. Paul's Society (successor to the old "Wood End") being generously tendered to the Conference. Large and increasingly-interested audiences assembled daily to witness the progress of the business, which was pushed forward with the least possible intermission from the early Wednesday morning hour of 8 o'clock till 10 P.M. of the Tuesday following.

The regular items of Conference business, always so full of interest to the members as well as spectators, notwithstanding their rigidly-stereotyped repetition from the year 1800, were happily alternated with most interesting anniversary services, occupying the afternoons and evenings of the secular days, and the evening of the sabbath. We notice especially the Sunday-school anniversary, which, for completeness of enthusiasm on the part of both speakers and auditors, has rarely been surpassed. Then followed the Church Extension Society, which we venture to — well, Chaplain McCabe was there; and all who know him can save us the labor of writing the inevitable fact. Rev. Dr. Rust held the large evening audience completely, at his Freedmen's Aid assembly. The friends of Temperance were responded to nobly by the presence and sympathy of the large audience gathered in behalf of this indispensable adjunct of true religion; and Education, instead of being a juiceless theme, submitted to merely out of respect to the rank instinctively accorded it by everybody at all thoughtful, was made most entertaining as well as instructive by the brethren associated with that man New England ought never to have allowed to escape out West, — Rev. E. O. Haven.

But the grand feature of these incidentals of an annual Conference gathering, was reserved for sabbath evening, when the holy cause of missions drew an immense audience at the Common-street Church. A touching farewell address was delivered by Rev. James Mudge, missionary elect to India, standing where, a few years ago, he had been received into the Church, and where his family, for generations past, had served the Church so nobly. This young and devoted brother gratefully gave himself up to the cause of missions, bespeaking as he did so, what he will most assuredly receive, the prayers and sympathies of the honored membership of this church, and his fellow-ministers in the New-England Conference.

Rev. Dr. Eddy, one of the missionary secretaries of the Church, then gave a most thrillingly-interesting address on the present aspect of the mission-work in the world, the effect of which was to arouse an intense enthusiasm in the congregation; the result of which, we hope and trust, will be a proportionate augmentation of the contributions to this cause in the year to come.

This, reader, is but a brief and imperfect characterization of the doings of our late Conference, outside the strictly legitimate range of business. The session proper commenced with a most delightful salutatory from our resident New-England bishop, I. W. WILEY, in which he completely won all hearts by his genuine fraternal words; and at every step of progress to the close of a most fatiguing round of official duties, the ties of endearment were strengthened, as much, we opine, by the unaffected frankness of the good bishop in administering criticism, as by his Christian urbanity.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

I. Have any entered this Conference by Transfer or Re-admission?

A. W. Mills,	} <i>From the</i>	E. A. Smith.	} <i>N. H. Conf.</i>
A. A. Wright,		A. C. Manson,	
D. H. Ela,		W. McDonald, <i>N. Y. East</i>	
E. R. Thorndike,		R. W. Harlow, <i>Vermont</i>	
W. O. Holway,	} <i>Conference.</i>	R. R. Meredith, <i>Cincinnati</i>	"

II. Who are admitted on Trial?

Ivins Mesler,	Raymond F. Holway,	Richard W. Copeland,
John A. Cass,	Eratus Burlingham,	Albert E. Winship,
Charles H. Kinney,	George L. Collyer,	Henry Mathews,
J. Alphonso Day,	Alexander Dight,	Arthur P. Adams.
William E. Dwight,	Frederic M. Miller,	

III. Who remain on Trial?

Volney M. Simons,	William H. Cook,	Jay B. Hamilton,
Andrew W. Baird,	Benjamin Gill,	Elias Hodge,
John P. Otis,	Charles E. Seaver,	Leonard P. Frost,
George P. Wilson,	Isaac F. Row,	William E. Huntington.

IV. Who are admitted into Full Connection?

William A. Cheney,	Wm. S. Jagger,	Noble B. Fisk.
Edward P. King,	James W. Fenn,	
Spencer O. Dyer,	William Wignall,	

V. Who are the Deacons of the First Class?

William A. Cheney,	William Wignall.
Noble B. Fisk,	

VI. Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?

James F. Mears,	Wesley C. Sawyer,	Fayette Nichols.
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VII. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this Year?

Alfred Noon,	Wm. E. Huntington,	Garrett Beckman,
Samuel McLaughlin,	John N. Short,	John R. Cushing,
Joseph M. Avann,	Miner H. A. Evans,	N. M. D. Granger.

VIII. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

Bartholomew Otheman,	John W. Lee,	Samuel Kelley,
Willard Smith,	Jonas M. Clark,	Charles N. Smith,
Wm. McDonald,	John W. Coolidge,	Jeremiah L. Hanaford,
Charles Noble,	John W. Merrill,	John D. King,
Amos Binney,	John H. Lord,	Miles R. Barney,
Jonas M. Bailey,	Edwin S. Snow,	D. M. Brumagim,
Luman Boyden,	Edward Otheman,	Wesley C. Sawyer,
Thomas Marcy,	Aaron D. Sargeant,	Linville J. Hall.
Jonathan L. Estey,	George Sutherland,	
John C. Ingalls,	Nathan D. George,	

IX. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

Newell S. Spaulding,	Kinsman Atkinson,	Gershom F. Cox,
Isaac Jennison,	Abraham D. Merrill,	Franklin Fisk,
Thomas G. Brown,	Phineas Crandall,	Charles H. Vinton,
Howard C. Dunham,	William R. Stone,	Henry P. Hall,
Ephraim Scott,	Mosely Dwight,	Daniel K. Banister,
Albert A. Cook,	Horace Moulton,	Wm. F. Lacount,
Moses P. Webster,	Samuel A. Cushing,	Houghton S. Booth.
William A. Clapp,	John M. Merrill,	

X. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

Ans. This was strictly attended to by calling over each name before the Conference.

XI. Have any located?

Ans. None.

XII. Have any withdrawn?

Ans. Charles H. Sewall, D. D. Hudson.

XIII. Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?

J. O. Peck, to Rock River Conference.

J. W. Jackson, to Phila.	"	J. H. Twombly, to West-Wisconsin
J. Williams, to Lexington	"	Conference.
S. F. Jones, to Maine	"	S. B. Sweetser, to the New-Hampshire
J. O. Knowles, to East-Maine	"	Conference.
J. Mudge, to India	"	

XIV. *Have any been expelled?*

Ans. None.

XV. *Have any died?*

Ans. I. J. P. Collyer, L. R. S. Brewster, J. R. Tiddy.

XVI. *What is the Statistical Report?*

Ans. Members, 24,292; probationers, 3,461; local preachers, 170; number of deaths, 372.

Benevolent Collections: — For Conference Claimants, \$6,068.53; for missions — from churches, \$21,561.45, from Sabbath schools, \$2,737.24; for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$3,868.72; for the Board of Church Extension, \$1,162.48; for the Tract Society, \$543.26; for the Sunday-school Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, \$582.87; for the Freedman's Aid Society, \$1,199.77; for Education, \$1,352.27.

[For Report of Baptisms, Church Property, and Sabbath Schools, see Statistical Tables, pp. 44-49.]

XVII. *What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?*

Ans. \$7,000.

XVIII. *What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?*

Preachers' Aid Society of the New-England Conference of the M. E. Church, in account with CHARLES L. LANE, Treasurer.

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1872.

April 12. — By balance on hand.....\$11,091 05

1873.

March 31. — By cash from churches to Conference of 1873 \$1,624 32

“ Legacy of Thurston Priest..... 100 00

“ interest 510 47 2,234 76

\$13,325 84

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1872-3.

To cash paid Revs. C. H. Vinton, \$400; D. K. Banister, \$350; H. Moulton, \$300; S. A. Cushing, \$300; P. Crandall, E. Scott, N. S. Spaulding, \$250 each; William R. Stone, G. F. Cox, M. P. Webster, William F. Lacount, Wm. A. Clapp, \$200 each; M. Dwight, J. L. Hanaford, \$150 each; A. D. Merrill, K. Atkinson, F. Fisk, H. S. Booth, J. N. Mars, \$100 each; H. C. Dunham, \$50; T. G. Brown, \$225, \$4,175 00

Widows Kibby, \$300; Cushman, \$250; Ainsworth, Tupper, \$200 each; Smith, \$175; Baker, Fisk, \$150 each; Adams, Peirce, Morgan, Morse, Stutson, Howe, \$100 each; Willard, Green, Bridge, Bates, Gile, Taylor, Merrill, Ward, \$75 each; Macreading, Field, \$50 each..... 2,725 00

Children of Rev. Wm. M. Mann 100 00

\$7,000 00

Cash to Permanent Fund	\$4,500 00	
Postage and stationery	14 20	
		<u>\$11,514 20</u>

Balance on hand March 31, 1873..... \$1,811 64
1873.

April. — Cash from Conference:—

From the churches.....	\$4,105 32	
“ Chartered Fund	40 00	
“ Conference Trustees	221 84	
“ Rev. L. Boyden.....	10 00	
“ “ L. White	30 00	
“ A Friend	10 00	
		<u>4,397 16</u>

Balance on hand, April 14, 1873 6,208 80

CHARLES L. LANE, *Treasurer*.

I have examined the above account, and found it correct.

PLINY NICKERSON, *Auditor*.

XIX. Have any Local Preachers been ordained?

To Elder's Orders, Frederic M. Miller, M. H. A. Evans.

To Deacon's Orders, Damon C. Porter, Jay B. Hamilton, Richard W. Copeland, Arthur P. Adams, Bradford P. Raymond, John A. Day, Ivins Mesler, Charles H. Kinney.

XX. Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?

[For answer, see Report of the Committee on Education, p. 13.]

XXI. Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?

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XXII. Where are the Preachers stationed?

[For answer to this question, see p. 50.]

XXIII. Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

Ans. Trinity Church, Charlestown — the time to be fixed by the bishops.

COMMITTEES.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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D. C. Knowles, F. H. Newhall, W. H. Hatch, J. A. Lansing, Geo. Whitaker.

Education.

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Bible Cause.

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Tract and Book Cause.

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Temperance.

A. D. Sargeant, Edward Otheman, C. L. McCurdy, J. Hascall, P. Wood, G. S. Noyes, J. O. Peck, J. O. Knowles, B. Judd, W. M. Hubbard, J. W. Hamilton, G. S. Chadbourne.

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Publishing Conference Minutes.

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Home Religion.

W. Wilkie, Daniel Steele, E. A. Titus, N. T. Whitaker, D. K. Merrill, S. A. Fuller, F. Furber, A. Caldwell, C. A. Merrill, S. C. Carey.

Memoirs.

W. C. High, J. C. Smith, D. Richards, J. W. Merrill, J. S. Barrows, R. W. Allen.

To Receive Benevolent Moneys.

J. P. Magee, J. F. Bassett, C. H. Hanaford, G. E. Chapman, W. G. Leonard.

Conference Statistics.

John Noon, J. A. DeForest, Allen J. Hall, J. F. Mears.

Missions.

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New-England Conference Historical Society.

D. Dorchester, C. D. Hills, M. Trafton, J. W. Lewis, N. H. Martin, W. W. Colburn, J. Gill, J. H. Owens, W. Pentecost.

Church Extension.

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J. J. Jones, W. J. Hambleton, C. L. Eastman, D. C. Knowles, A. O. Hamilton.

Freedmen's Aid.

W. F. Mallalieu, G. W. Mansfield, Ira G. Bidwell, W. H. Hatch, B. K. Peirce.

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SECOND YEAR,

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THIRD YEAR,

I. G. Bidwell, D. Richards, R. W. Allen, F. Woods.

FOURTH YEAR,

J. S. Barrows, Jos. H. Mansfield, S. Jackson, C. S. Rogers.

To Examine Candidates for Admission on Trial,

E. A. Titus, C. A. Merrill, A. C. Godfrey, J. Cadwell.

To Examine Candidates for Local Elders' Orders,

M. Trafton, S. O. Dyer, W. M. Ayers, G. R. Bent.

To Examine Candidates for Local Deacons' Orders,

E. Cooke, D. Wait, J. W. Lewis, A. Gould.

To Preach the Conference Missionary Sermon,

R. H. Howard. Alternate, D. Steele.

To Preach the Conference Sermon on Ministerial Education,

W. F. Mallalieu.

To Preach the Conference Sermon,

D. C. Knowles.

To Try Appeals,

D. Dorchester, D. Sherman, J. Porter, J. Hascall, J. Cummings, Z. A. Mudge, F. Furber.

To Nominate Standing Committees for Next Year,

R. W. Allen, H. Lummis, L. B. Bates, F. Woods, J. A. Lansing.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report on this theme, after recognizing the Sunday-school cause as one of the most potential appliances of the Christian Church, and one which requires the maturest consideration of the best Christian minds for the most successful adaptation of its labors, states the gain in the number of schools in the Conference during the year to be seven, with over two hundred officers and teachers, six hundred and seventy-seven scholars, and (what is better than all) *seventeen hundred and sixty-eight conversions*.

The ably-elaborated report closes with the following resolutions :—

1. That we regard the sabbath school as a department of Christian labor that demands the patronage and co-operation of the whole Christian public.

2. That we hail with profound satisfaction the international scheme of Bible study, which gives uniformity in the lessons for all Christendom. *This* we regard as a foreshadowing of the unification of the body of Christ, which is the Church, preparatory to its transfiguration with millennial glory.

3. That it is desirable that the pastor make the subject of the lessons in the school, so far as is practicable, the theme of his preceding discourse, in order to a more general interest in an intelligent study of the Word of God.

4. That we condemn the practice of some schools of patronizing other publishing establishments at the expense of our own. We hold it to be the duty of Methodists to maintain and scatter abroad our own literature, than which no Church has an ampler or richer supply.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total No. of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars 15 years of age and over.	No. of Schol- ars under 15, except infant classes.	No. of Scholars in infant classes.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.
Boston.....	57	1,246	9,773	3,415	2,676	1,397	6,166
Lynn.....	56	1,399	10,975	4,686	3,354	1,815	6,882
Worcester.....	42	762	5,927	3,095	1,387	820	3,506
Springfield.....	56	805	5,652	2,500	1,163	712	3,532
Totals.....	211	4,212	32,327	13,696	8,580	4,744	20,086
Last year.....	204	3,989	31,272	15,291	11,006	4,775	20,900
Increase.....	7	223	1,055	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	1,595	2,426	31	914

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—continued.

DISTRICTS.	Volumes in Library.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for S. Union.	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Ch. members or probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church members or probationers.	No. of Conversions. this year.
Boston	24,276	\$7,509.70	\$209.36	2,466	592	990	1,962	418
Lynn	26,441	8,037.77	202.35	2,417	849	1,207	2,372	575
Worcester	17,086	2,829.07	85.93	11,00	478	685	2,178	537
Springfield	17,712	3,119.78	86.23	1,278	473	655	1,814	244
Totals	85,515	21,496.32	583.87	7,261	2,392	3,537	8,326	1,774
Last year.....	84,076	18,818.79	604.42	7,107	1,439	3,709	9,601	1,479
Increase	1,439	2,677.53	.....	154	953	.....	.....	295
Decrease .....	.....	.....	20.55	.....	.....	172	1,275	.....

EDUCATION.

THE following *résumé* of the large and able committee's presentation to the Conference on Education is all that the limits of our Minutes will admit : —

In opening, a most deserved tribute is paid to the New-England forefathers for planning so broadly and wisely to secure the education of all the people. The very potency of education as an auxiliary to the natural endowments of the mind, necessitates the interposition of religion as the only sanctifier of this mighty element in society ; hence the natural but significant fact of the true Christian Church being always the patron of all well-founded institutions of learning.

The report then speaks of the BOSTON UNIVERSITY as having not only survived the financial trials incident to the great conflagration in Boston, but as having gone steadily forward, until it may be published to the world, that, by the ensuing September, in addition to the schools of theology, law, and music (now all in successful operation), Schools of Medicine and a College of Liberal Arts will have been opened, — *wide open* to all (let it never be forgotten), without distinction of race or color or sex.

The WESLEYAN ACADEMY is represented as having had the past year a larger number of students than ever before, with a steady yearly increase of educational facilities. The financial valuation of the institution stands at more than three hundred thousand dollars, notwithstanding the insurance and other losses during the year.

The WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY is highly fortunate in being greeted this year with "a more numerous faculty, more students, a larger endowment, and better and more abundant facilities of every kind, than for years past." The admission of

young ladies to the privileges of the institution is declared to have operated most favorably, and especially to the young ladies availing themselves thereof. Its very remarkable prosperity creates a demand for the most generous endowment, in order that its present generous appliances may be made adequate to demands inseparable from its popularity.

THE NEW-ENGLAND EDUCATION SOCIETY, with the careful guardianship of its managers, its noble object of aiding those, and only those, giving themselves for life to the Christian ministry, is highly and properly commended to the obligations and sympathies of the Church.

Another link in the grand chain of educational establishments under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Churches, viz., the opening of the well-known Laselle Seminary at Auburndale as an institution especially for females, is referred to in the most cordial and encouraging manner, as the appended resolutions will show. The report closes with the following resolutions: —

1. That we recommend to our preachers to take up the collection for the New-England Education Society in May; and moneys so collected shall be passed over to the treasurer of the society, as usual.

2. That we approve of the action of the General Conference of 1868 and of 1872, in organizing a Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in appointing a Corresponding Secretary of the Board; and we hope the result will be to increase the interest in this department of our work, and systematize our action, so as to produce the greatest and best possible results.

3. That we recommend all our Sunday schools, in accordance with the Discipline, to observe the second Sunday in June as "Children's Day," and to present the cause of education, and take a collection on that day for the "Children's Fund," under the care of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

4. That the apportionments of the New-England Education Society-collections to the several churches of the New-England Conference, 1873-74, be met by the assessments herewith appended: —

5. That we heartily accord with the brethren in their conviction that the Church is in great need of such an institution as they propose to establish at Auburndale; and we thank them for this wise forethought and voluntary liberality, cordially pledging them our moral support in this noble and praiseworthy undertaking.

The following list of official visitors was appointed: —

WESLEYAN ACADEMY. — Rev. W. F. Warren, D.D., Rev. J. S. Barrows, Rev. J. A. Cass, H. W. Hallett of Springfield; Prof. T. H. Kimpton of Chicopee; Warren P. Adams of South Boston, Willard S. Allen of East Boston; Rev. Thos. W. Bishop, Rev. George Prentice.

BOSTON SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. — Rev. S. F. Upham, Rev. M. E. Wright; Rev. D. Sherman, D. H. Ela, *Alternates*.

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NEW ENGLAND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

(Boston District.....\$1,100.00.)		Somerville.....	\$22.00
Boston, Hanover St.....	\$40.00	E. Somerville.....	6.00
“ Bromfield St.....	60.00	Cambridge, East.....	26.00
“ Church St.....	30.00	“ Harvard St.....	60.00
“ Grace Church.....	60.00	“ N. Avenue.....	5.00
“ Tremont St.....	100.00	“ Cottage St.....	5.00
“ Meridian St.....	50.00	Lowell, St. Paul's.....	55.00
“ Saratoga St.....	30.00	“ Worthen St.....	50.00
“ Broadway Church.....	30.00	“ Central Church.....	40.00
“ Dorchester St.....	25.00	Woburn.....	10.00
“ Winthrop St.....	60.00	Wakefield.....	5.00
“ Highlands.....	35.00	Malden.....	35.00
“ Washington St.....	10.00	Maplewood.....	4.00
“ “ Village.....	5.00	Graniteville.....	5.00
“ Appleton Church.....	6.00	W. Chelmsford.....	2.00
“ Dorchester Church.....	25.00	Stoneham.....	15.00
Chelsea, Walnut St.....	60.00	Reading.....	5.00
“ Mt. Bellingham.....	40.00	Cliftondale.....	5.00
“ Park St.....	10.00	Waltham.....	30.00
Winthrop.....	10.00	Watertown.....	20.00
Jamaica Plain and Roslindale..	15.00	Melrose.....	25.00
Hyde Park.....	16.00	Medford.....	16.00
Everett.....	10.00	E. Saugus.....	20.00
Quincy Point.....	10.00	Salem.....	25.00
Dedham.....	6.00	“ Wesley Chapel.....	10.00
S. Walpole.....	10.00	Beverly.....	10.00
Newton.....	60.00	Marblehead.....	15.00
Newton Upper Falls.....	12.00	Peabody.....	15.00
“ Lower Falls.....	5.00	Ipswich.....	30.00
Newtonville.....	30.00	Newburyport, Washington St..	13.00
Auburndale.....	16.00	“ Purchase St.....	10.00
Franklin.....	5.00	Byfield.....	4.00
Maynard.....	5.00	Gloucester, Elm St.....	30.00
Highlandville.....	7.00	“ Riverdale.....	10.00
Natick.....	16.00	Bay View.....	10.00
Ashland.....	15.00	Rockport.....	11.00
Saxonville.....	18.00	Topsfield.....	10.00
Cochituate.....	6.00	N. Andover.....	7.00
Hillston.....	30.00	Groveland.....	5.00
Hopkinton.....	20.00	Ballardvale.....	3.00
Milford.....	15.00	Weston.....	5.00
W. Medway.....	5.00	S. Lawrence.....	2.00
S. Framingham.....	5.00		
Mendon.....	3.00	(Worcester District..... \$525.00.)	
Westboro'.....	10.00	Worcester, Trinity Church....	\$35.00
Rockbottom.....	10.00	“ Laurel St.....	30.00
Hudson.....	16.00	“ Grace Church.....	35.00
Sudbury.....	6.00	“ Webster Square....	7.00
Marlboro'.....	20.00	Shrewsbury.....	11.00
Maynard.....	10.00	N. E. Village.....	6.00
Allston.....	3.00	Millbury.....	15.00
		E. Douglas.....	4.00
(Lynn District.....\$1,000.00.)		Whitinsville.....	12.00
Lynn, Common St.....	\$60.00	Leicester.....	3.00
“ St. Paul's.....	40.00	Cherry Valley.....	6.00
“ South St.....	30.00	Oxford.....	20.00
“ Maple St.....	20.00	Webster.....	30.00
“ Boston St.....	40.00	Dudley.....	5.00
Swampscott.....	15.00	Southbridge.....	16.00
Charlestown, Trinity Church ..	86.00	Charlton.....	5.00
“ Union Church ..	25.00	Spencer.....	14.00

Brookfield.....	\$9.00	So. Hadley.....	\$8.00
W. Brookfield.....	5.00	Feeding Hills.....	5.00
N. Brookfield.....	8.00	Southwick.....	3.00
E. Pepperell.....	3.00	Westfield.....	50.00
Warren.....	7.00	“ West Parish.....	3.00
Monson.....	15.00	Russell.....	3.00
Wales.....	9.00	Blandford.....	8.00
Athol Depot.....	20.00	Chester.....	10.00
S. Royalston.....	5.00	Worthington.....	5.00
Ware.....	10.00	Montgomery.....	4.00
Barre.....	8.00	Southampton.....	11.00
Hubbardston.....	8.00	E. Hampton.....	17.00
E. Templeton.....	9.00	Northampton.....	20.00
Winchendon.....	20.00	Florence.....	10.00
Ashburnham.....	19.00	Williamsburg.....	20.00
Fitchburg.....	25.00	Charlemont.....	6.00
“ Day St.....	10.00	Heath.....	6.00
Leominster.....	25.00	Coleraine.....	10.00
Lunenburg.....	5.00	Buckland.....	5.00
Townsend.....	5.00	Shelburne Falls.....	10.00
Clinton.....	17.00	Greenfield.....	11.00
Oakdale.....	15.00	Turner's Falls.....	2.00
Princeton.....	3.00	Leyden.....	5.00
Gardner.....	6.00	Bernardston.....	5.00
Ayer.....	5.00	Gill and Northfield.....	6.00
		So. Deerfield.....	6.00
(Springfield District.... \$575.00.)		Conway.....	5.00
Springfield, Lawrence St.....	\$40.00	No. Salem and Orange.....	3.00
“ Union St.....	40.00	No. Prescott and Lock's Village.....	8.00
“ Trinity.....	70.00	So. Athol.....	4.00
“ Central.....	18.00	Dana.....	3.00
E. Longmeadow.....	4.00	Palmer.....	11.00
Wilbraham.....	25.00	Belchertown and Granby.....	10.00
S. Wilbraham.....	8.00	So. Belchertown and Bondville.....	5.00
Ludlow.....	10.00	Felham.....	6.00
Chicopee.....	20.00	Enfield.....	4.00
Chicopee Falls.....	6.00	No. Amherst.....	3.00
Holyoke.....	20.00		
Hadley.....	5.00	Total.....	\$3,200.00

FREEDMEN'S AID.

THE paper adopted by the Conference on this subject recognized appropriately not only the cause (the emancipation of slaves) of the formation of the society bearing this title, but also the partial emancipation of a large portion of our country from the deleterious social customs and condition under which it had been long burdened. The helplessness, as well as ignorance, of the millions of freedmen is well and truthfully set forth; and the importance of furnishing them with the means of maintaining their right to freedom, by aiding their efforts towards a Christian education, are forcibly presented. The following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That, as heretofore, we cordially welcome to our Conference Rev. R. S. Rust, D.D., the Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

Resolved, That we will present the cause to our people, take a collection for it, and endeavor to carry out the requirements of the Discipline in regard to this society.

Resolved, That the presiding elders of the Conference be a committee to apportion among the several societies the sum of \$2,850, assigned to the New England Conference.

CHURCH AID SOCIETY.

ON the principle that "charity begins at home," we insert here the brief but pleasant synopsis of what this society has done for the year in our own borders; viz., it has collected, to aid in church-building, \$5,486.42, applying this amount judiciously to aid ten of our feeble churches. Eight societies renew former applications, and five new petitions await the action of the Board of Managers, whose names we append:—

Jacob Sleeper, A. S. Weed, J. P. Magee, P. Nickerson, Thos. Kniel, Edwin Stevens, Marshall S. Rice, Liverus Hull, Thos. P. Richardson, Richard Beeching, S. Templeman, E. H. Dunn, of the laymen; and Revs. B. K. Peirce, E. A. Manning, I. B. Bigelow, R. W. Allen, C. L. McCurdy, J. C. Smith, D. K. Merrill, and G. Whitaker.

Corresponding Members:—The presiding elders, with two laymen from each district; viz., L. H. Taylor of Springfield, H. J. Bush of Westfield, E. S. Flint of Ashburnham, T. C. Newcomb of Medford, H. Newhall of Lynn, E. C. Miles of Boston, and W. F. Clafin of Hopkinton.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

THE Conference made honorable mention of the fact, that the society organized by the General Conference under this name has the last year collected \$127,980.88, aiding therewith more than a hundred churches in thirty-seven different States and Territories. The resolutions appended show how the organization is regarded:—

1. That we accept the call of the Board on this Conference for \$3,700 as the least that we should think of raising, especially in view of the timely aid afforded some of our own churches in the hour of their sore need; and direct that the provisions of the Discipline in regard to the apportionment and raising of said amount, and also in regard to all church-extension work, be faithfully observed.

2. That we most heartily commend the loan-fund feature of the work of the Board, as worthy of the attention and favor of those to whom God has given the means and desire of doing good perpetually; and earnestly request that they will make themselves acquainted with the workings of this noble charity, as they are set forth in the reports of the Board.

3. That the presence amongst us of the Assistant Secretary, Rev. C. C. McCabe, and his stirring eloquence in noble advocacy of the cause, have afforded us much pleasure.

TEMPERANCE.

THE authors of the stirring and able report on this momentous question, which was submitted to the attention of the Conference, cited some of the terrible statistical facts against the hydra of intemperance, which they had gathered with much and careful painstaking; commended, almost unqualifiedly, the present statutory attitude of the State on the subject; and, by its clearly-pronounced positions, kept our ministry, and, we trust, our membership too, in the vanguard of genuine reformers. Here are the resolutions which the Conference unanimously adopted:—

1. That while we regard the discovery of alcohol by distillation a misfortune to the world, we nevertheless recognize it as useful for medicinal, mechanical, and artistical purposes, but terribly disastrous to life and good morals, when used as a beverage or common drink.

2. (In the language of the General Conference,) "That we not only regard the manufacture, sale, or use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage morally wrong, but also protest against our members giving any countenance to the liquor traffic by renting property for such purposes, or by directly helping in any way to promote intemperance;" and that in our judgment, there is need of total legal prohibition as an important means of removing the evils of intemperance from our State and country; and that therefore it is the duty of every good citizen to do what he can to secure the election to office of men who are, in principle and practice, right on the question of abstinence from intoxicating drinks.

3. That we most cordially commend every movement and organization in aid of the great work of temperance; and especially do we recognize the instrumentality known as the "Massachusetts Temperance Alliance," which is doing a very great part of the temperance work in the State, in moulding public opinion and influencing legislation in regard to abstinence and prohibition; and we rejoice to know that many of the best and ablest men, both ministers and laymen, in the State, are connected with, and aid it by their funds.

4. That we regard the great principles of religion, such as faith, hope, and charity, with the general teachings of the Bible, as giving unequivocal sanction to abstinence in the individual, and prohibition in the laws regarding intoxicating drinks.

5. That we thank God for a Christian governor of Massachusetts who has the moral courage and principle to speak distinctly and emphatically in favor of total abstinence and prohibition; and that we heartily indorse his recommendations to restore the integrity and efficiency of the prohibitory law, by removing all legal sanction of the sale of ale and beer, as leading to the indiscriminate sale and use of all intoxicants; by holding apothecaries to equal responsibility with other liquor agents under the law; and by supporting the local as well as the State police, and all officers and courts of justice, in the strongest, most determined legal measures for the effectual suppression of the liquor traffic.

BENEVOLENT OPERATIONS.

THE Committee on this vital matter *committed* the Conference to the idea, that casual and unsystematic giving is detrimental to piety as well as prosperity; that the training of the membership and ministry to the consecrated idea of property is of the first importance; that the calls for the gifts of the Church should be unified in some affiliated form, to avoid confusion; that great care is demanded against incurring crushing debts for over-costly church edifices, &c., in order that larger benevolence may be cultivated in the societies; and, after warmly commending the claims of the superannuates, and urging the taking of *all* the regular Conference collections in every society, presents the following list of objects to be cared for at such times as the pastors and official boards judge proper; viz.:—

Preachers' Aid, Missionary Society, Church Extension, Freedmen's Aid, Church Aid (New-England Conference), Tract Cause, Sunday-School Union, American Bible Society, New England Education Society, Education Society, Bishops' Support.

HOME RELIGION.

THE excellent report on this subject cites the patriarchal times as furnishing good models for our own day in respect to home influences; emphasizes the citation by dwelling on the highly-impressible nature of childhood; calls attention to the importance of earnest and careful reading of the Bible around the family-altar, singing where practicable, and prayer, in connection with the Lord's Prayer by all the family — not omitting the craving of the divine blessing at the family board, and closing with this beautiful benediction: "Blessed is that family whose home is overshadowed by the presence of the Lord." The resolutions presented and adopted are as follows: —

1. That, among the means to foster the spirit of home religion, we will on all proper occasions inculcate the importance of having our people furnish their families with good books and periodicals, to the exclusion of such reading as will lead the soul away from God.

2. That as a standard for home reading, among the many monthlies of the day, we strongly recommend the introduction of "The Ladies' Repository and Home Magazine" into all our families, where it is not now taken.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH

Is urged as of divine origin; and its fitness for man and beast is illustrated from the physical constitution. The change from the last to the first day of the week is referred to as gradual, and also a most appropriate tribute of gratitude on the part of Christians to Him that crowned His creative by His redemptive work. The spirit of this day of days is commended to the attention of the people, with the cautionary suggestion of avoiding mere worldly enjoyment, as well as the multiplying of religious effort till soul and body become worn and jaded. The report closes with a strong and merited rebuke of all legislation interfering with the quiet or peaceful observance of the day by those who hallow it, — a principle in legislation eminently in harmony with the spirit of our government.

LADIES' AND PASTORS' CHRISTIAN UNION.

WE are profoundly convinced of the necessity of a more systematic development of the power of the ladies of our church; and, in view of the growth of our societies, and the nature of our work, a more complete system of pastoral visitation. We heartily indorse the great movement so auspiciously inaugurated by the efficient Corresponding Secretary of the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union, and submit the following: —

Whereas, The last General Conference has instituted the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, The managers of said Union have requested the formation of auxiliaries in all our Conferences; and

Whereas, All the Conferences held since the late session of the General Conference have organized such auxiliaries, therefore —

Resolved, That this Conference do hereby organize the New-England Conference Association of the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

2. That the Constitution provided by the managers of the parent society, and adopted by all its auxiliaries, be the adopted Constitution of this Association.

2. That the Presiding Elders be requested to present the interests of this cause at the Quarterly Conferences of each station, and endeavor to organize auxiliaries to this Conference Association in every charge on their respective districts.

The following officers for this association were chosen : —

President, Rev. B. K. Peirce, D.D. ; *First Vice-President*, Rev. W. R. Clark, D.D. ; *Second Vice-President*, Mrs. Aaron D. Sargeant ; *Third Vice-President*, Mrs. L. W. Pond ; *Fourth Vice-President*, Rev. L. R. Thayer, D.D. ; *Corresponding Secretary*, Miss Mariane Kimball ; *Recording Secretary*, Rev. Charles S. Rogers.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

THE Board of Managers of this new organization say that they have reason to believe that the objects of the society have been to some extent promoted. They find an important field to cultivate, and one that promises rich returns to the Church, and trust that every member of the Conference will understand the objects of the Constitution ; viz., "to collect and preserve such historical records, reminiscences and mementos as illustrate the rise and progress of Methodism in New England, and particularly within the bounds of the New-England Conference, and to disseminate a knowledge of Methodist history by means of lectures, essays, public meetings, published transactions, and other suitable methods."

The society is now engaged in providing a suitable place for the deposit of the various articles and documents received ; and to do this, funds are needed. Several members of the Conference have contributed liberally for this object. If all would give us a small sum, the work would soon be accomplished.

We say to all the members of the society, send us whatever you may possess or obtain that will illustrate the rise and progress of Methodism in New England, and send to the care of J. P. Magee, Boston.

The following list of officers for the year were appointed : —

President, D. Dorchester ; *Vice-President*, R. W. Allen ; *Corresponding Secretary*, R. H. Howard ; *Recording Secretary and Treasurer*, W. D. Bridge ; *Board of Directors*, D. Sherman, B. K. Peirce, J. Porter, and D. Richards.

Executive Committee, Thomas Green, Chelsea ; Liverus Hull, Charlestown ; P. Nickerson, Boston ; Albert H. Sweetser, Cliftondale ; Rev. Mark Trafon and Rev. Daniel Steele.

PREACHERS' AID.

THE report of the committee this year presents the problem for our members to solve, how ministers, out of an insufficient income, are to travel, entertain company, buy books, &c., and yet lay by what may suffice for the decrepit stage before them. The small number of stations giving respectable incomes, the liability to break down prematurely, the fact that the religion preached is often the source of the competence of the membership, are some of the factors suggested for working out the answer of the Church. The following resolves were adopted:—

1. That any preacher who fails to take the Preachers' Aid collection in his congregation is chargeable, before God and his brethren, with neglect of his elder and afflicted fellows, their widows and orphans.

2. That the sum of twelve thousand dollars be raised in the New-England Conference the ensuing year for the Preachers' Aid Society; that it be apportioned to the districts by the presiding elders, and to the stations by the district stewards of the districts respectively; and that apportionment be made public as early in the year as possible.

3. That bequests and gifts to the Preachers' Aid Society by those who are able to make them be encouraged in all proper ways by the preachers.

4. That the Preachers' Aid Committee for the coming year consist of the preachers residing in Boston and the adjoining cities and towns, including Lynn, Medford, and Malden.

5. That we hereby extend our warmest sympathies to our superannuated brethren and their families; and we will ever pray that our heavenly Father may hold them in his own hand, and at length abundantly admit them to behold his face in righteousness.

BIBLE CAUSE.

THE report on this noble Christian philanthropy says, —

The American Bible Society has issued during the year, 289,352 copies of the Bible, and 802,519 copies of the New Testament. Receipts, \$689,923.47; expenditures, \$629,379.88.

The universal diffusion of his Spirit and his truth, we believe, is God's plan for the conversion of the world. The former of these he accomplishes, in some degree at least, independently of human agency; for "a measure of the Spirit is given unto every man." The latter is a work which he has intrusted wholly to us, and for which he holds us responsible as a solemn duty and a blessed privilege. Therefore, —

Resolved, That, as ministers of the gospel of Christ, we regard the circulation of the Scriptures as of the very first importance in the fulfilment of our Master's commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Resolved, That recognizing the judicious management, true catholicity, and established efficiency of the Massachusetts Bible Society, as entitling it to our fullest confidence as a providential agency for the accomplishment of this work, we continue to it the assurance of our earnest support, and the pledge of our best endeavors for enlarging the contributions from our churches, to meet its ever-increasing wants.

Resolved, That we recommend that reports of the contributions from the churches to this cause be published, as heretofore, in the statistical columns of the Minutes.

Resolved, That the following persons be recommended as life-members of the American Bible Society: Mary L. Osgood, Meriam P. Herrick, Bell M. Eaton, Sarah J. Gordon; and the following as life-members of the Massachusetts Bible Society: Jarvis A. Ames, Reubie N. Ames, Abraham M. Osgood.

BOOKS AND TRACTS.

THE committees in this department of Conference action, as a rule, must needs pay their respects to our great publishing-house at New York, and so this time the Concern was mildly criticised for the prices at which its issues are kept. The enormous demand of the public for reading, as seen in the multiplied and multiplying publishing concerns of the land, and the vast importance of securing the eye and ear of these multitudes, is made the occasion for the following resolution:—

Resolved, That, in behalf of our people, and for the sake of the cause we love, the Book-Agents at New York be recommended to consider the expediency of perceptibly lessening the price of our books at once.

REPORT ON CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

This Conference, at a previous session, appointed a Committee to consider what changes, if any, in the statutes of the State were necessary to enable our boards of trustees to organize in accordance with the Discipline of the Church, and to seek such modification as they might deem needful. The Committee, having attended to the duty assigned them, beg leave to submit the following report:—

We are able to report no further legislation necessary. The existing statutes of the State amply secure to us the object sought. Chap. xxxi., sect. 1, of the General Statutes reads as follows:—

“Deacons, churchwardens, or other similar officers of all churches, or religious societies of citizens of the United States, shall be deemed bodies corporate, for the purpose of taking and holding, in succession, all grants and donations, whether of real or personal estate, made either to them or their successors, or to their respective churches, or to the poor of their churches.”

This, in substance, has been, for more than a century, the law of this Commonwealth; and supposing that trustees, alike with deacons and church wardens, were embraced within the provisions of this law, a large proportion of our boards of trust in the earlier periods of the Church in this State, organized under it. But this view was not sustained by many gentlemen of the legal profession. Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church were not, in their opinion, included within the meaning of this statute, hence, were not, under its provisions, bodies corporate.

This awakened a wide-spread feeling of insecurity and anxiety in respect to church-property so held. As early as 1847, an attempt was made to remedy this evil; but unfortunately the remedy was sought, not through an amendment of this law, nor by an appeal to the decisions of the courts, but by the modification of another and a very different law, viz., chap. xxx. of the General Statutes, — a law designed and adapted, not to churches or church officers, but to incorporated communities or societies, such as parishes, and like religious bodies. Unlike these, churches are not bodies corporate. Like parishes, they have property of their own, but have not power to take and hold it.

To meet this exigency, the law now found in chap. xxxi., sect. 1, of the General Statutes, and quoted above, was enacted, by which the “deacons, churchwardens, or similar officers of all churches, are deemed bodies corporate for the purpose of taking and holding the property” of their respective churches.

In support of this view, see *Weld v. May*, 9 Cush., pp. 185, 188, and 190. This law is simple and direct, meeting perfectly the circumstances of churches.

But chap. xxx. of the General Statutes does not, *cannot*, adapt itself to the peculiar condition of churches; nor is it in harmony with the unity of our church polity; and though it has been amended several times, with a view of adjusting it to our Church, it has essentially failed. So necessarily complex is its legal machinery, that trustees organized under it are, without the greatest care, constantly liable to fatal defects in management. It is, moreover, as unsuited to Methodist trustees as to Congregationalist deacons. To either it is as Saul’s armor to David. Nor is this law longer needful to insure the utmost legal safety to our church property. For that Methodist trustees have a right to organize under chap. xxxi., sect. 1, of the General Statutes, is now unquestionable. Whatever doubts have previously existed upon this subject the courts have entirely removed.

As, however, many lawyers do not seem to be aware of the clear and full decisions of the courts, covering all legal points that have been raised, and as, to many minds, there does seem to be some ambiguity in the language of this statute, to remove all liability of future misapprehension, your Committee deemed it desirable to secure, if possible, such a verbal amendment of chap. xxxi., sect. 1, of the General Statutes, as would unmistakably express its real intent and meaning. To this effect we petitioned the legislature of the State now in session. The petition was referred to the able judiciary committee of the House, who granted the petitioners a respectful hearing.

The Committee were of opinion that chap. xxxi., sect. 1, of the General Statutes, unchanged in phraseology, clearly embraced within its meaning Methodist trustees, alike with deacons and churchwardens. Moreover, that whatever of doubt may have existed had been swept away by the courts. They therefore doubted the necessity or expediency of making any changes in the statute, but stated that they would take the subject into further consideration. They, however, subsequently gave leave to the petitioners to withdraw, on the ground, that what the petitioners desired had been already secured by the courts; thus giving, by their action, a legislative sanction to the meaning of the law as determined by the courts.

To prevent now, so far as possible, any further embarrassment arising from ignorance in respect to the action of the courts and of the legislature, your committee deem it expedient to refer briefly to the main objections raised by lawyers to

the legal rights of trustees under chap. xxxi., sect. 1, of the General Statutes ; also to the decisions of the courts by which these objections are removed ; moreover, to ask, that this report be published, and distributed so far as needful, among our churches and boards of trustees. With this view we remark —

1. That it has been alleged that trustees are not named in chap. xxxi., sect. 1, of the General Statutes, as are deacons and churchwardens, hence, are not embraced within its meaning. As to the phrase, “or other similar officers of all churches,” it is said that may refer to officers in Congregational and Episcopal churches, besides deacons and churchwardens, such as treasurer, and hence does not include any other churches.

This view was taken in the case of *Weld v. May*, 9 Cush., p. 191 ; but it was not sustained by the court. Says the chief justice, “But it is argued that the phrase in the Revised Statutes, chap. xx., sect. 39 (as also in the General Statutes, chap. xxxi., sect. 1), which is found also in the Statutes of 1754, and in that of 1785, chap. li., ‘or other similar officers,’ is meant to include treasurer. But we think this a misconstruction. It means officers in churches otherwise constituted, of similar character, and of corresponding functions with those of deacons in Congregationalist churches, and churchwardens of Episcopal churches. It was designed for the benefit of the Methodists, the Baptists, the Christians, or of any of the other sects, in order that their officers, under whatever name, who exercise functions corresponding to those of deacons and churchwardens, might take and hold property of their respective churches.” This language is direct and to the point, leaving nothing to be added.

2. It has been said that “chap. xxxi., sect. 1, of the General Statutes, empowers deacons and churchwardens to take and hold, not *all* the property of the church, but only such as is designed for charitable and benevolent purposes, as appears from the caption of the chapter itself ; but Methodist trustees take and hold *all* the legal property of their respective Church. They are not, hence, officers whose functions are similar with those of deacons and churchwardens ; they are not therefore, it is said, included within the meaning of this statute.”

That the statute is thus restricted in its meaning was assumed in the case of *Sawyer v. Baldwin*, 11 Peck, p. 492. Also in the case of *Stebbins v. Jennings*, 10 Peck, p. 172. In the latter case the court says, “These terms, ‘grants and donations,’ found in the statute, seem comprehensive enough to embrace any mode in which property can be acquired, and any species of property ; and therefore *all* property, whether acquired by gift or purchase, or in whatever mode conveyed for the use and benefit of the church, by force of the statute, vests in the deacons thereof ; so that the legal property is in them, though held for the use and benefit of the church.” It is clear, therefore, that the statute being unrestricted, as here determined by the court, the functions of trustees and deacons are, under its provisions, precisely similar ; hence the objection is void.

3. A single point further needs a passing notice. Some have supposed an election merely, insufficient, — that, to incorporate, trustees must organize in some legal way. This is a mistake. The act that constitutes one a deacon or trustee carries with it, under chap. xxxi. of the General Statutes, corporate powers irrespective of organization. “When,” says the Court, “legally chosen a deacon (or trustee), the law vests in him the power necessary to accomplish its purpose, — that of taking and holding property for a known aggregate body not incorporated ; and when, by

resignation or removal, he legally ceases to be such deacon (or trustee), he is *ipso facto* divested of those forms, and the property taken under them." *Weld v. May*, 9 *Cush.*, p. 187.

This statute is not only silent in respect to organization, but it makes no provisions for by-laws, or even for the perpetuation of the incorporation it creates. The form and manner of organization is left to the option of the corporation. The number of members, time and conditions of service, mode of filling vacancies, management, and responsibility, the law leaves with the Discipline and usages of the respective churches. Hence, the only law trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church are to know in the management of their trust is the Discipline of the Church.

We submit the following resolutions : —

1. That, for the ends of safety, simplicity, and uniformity in the management of our church finances, we earnestly recommend that all our boards of trust in the future become organized and managed according to the Discipline of the Church.

2. That we recommend all our boards otherwise organized to take, so far as practicable, such measures as shall harmonize their organizations with the provisions of the Discipline.

3. That this report be published in the Minutes of the Conference, also in a form convenient for preservation, and that the presiding elders be requested to see that each Quarterly Conference and board of trustees upon their respective districts be furnished with a copy, and that they use their best endeavors to secure an administration in harmony therewith.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

BOSTON DISTRICT.

THE year closes with evident marks of prosperity upon the district. The preachers were well received at their appointments, and have been faithful and successful in their work. A few should have sought more directly to enlist their charges in the benevolent enterprises of the Church, and a few others should have given more attention to pastoral visitation. But, as a whole, they will suffer in comparison with no other corps of ministers for fidelity and success. No death has occurred among them during the year. Rev. William Merrill has been greatly afflicted by sickness in his family and in his own person; he having been laid aside from his work since November last, and is still very feeble. I trust he will share our prayers and sympathies.

Revival influences have not been as abundant and general as we hoped to see; yet in very many of the charges the work of conversion has gone steadily forward, and in Natick and Franklin powerful awakenings have been experienced.

There has been some increase in the amount of the benevolent collections. I shall be disappointed if the returns do not show that the full amount of the advanced apportionment of missionary money for the district has been raised.

The Boston City Missionary and Church-Extension Society has been girding itself with new strength. Under the lead of Rev. George P. Wilson, the missionary,

every department has developed increased vigor. It reports for the year ninety conversions and eighty-three probationers. Strong men are coming to its aid. During the year two one-thousand-dollar subscriptions have been made to it; several have subscribed their hundreds; and the whole amount raised and paid into its treasury during the year is \$12,005, against \$3,371.96 for last year. It is now extending the sphere of its operations into the suburbs of Boston; and the churches generally are coming to recognize in it a great power for developing the kingdom of Christ.

It has seven vigorous missions under its care, in one of which — Eggleston Square — a beautiful chapel, costing, with the land, \$16,000, was dedicated last June. An eligible lot of ten thousand square feet has also been purchased in Washington Village for the erection of a mission-church within the limits prescribed by the late Sarah Baker's will, as a condition upon which her legacy should be given to aid in the erection of a Methodist church. It is hoped this Conference will order its trustees to take the legacy for that object, in accordance with the provisions of the will.

The Sunday-school cause has made progress. Three conventions in different parts of the district have been held, which, in numbers and spirit, were a decided advance on previous conventions. Increased relish for the Holy Scriptures, and thoroughness in searching them, are manifest.

The Berean Series are now quite generally used. The pastors, with scarce an exception, are vigorously at work, and sensibly felt in this department.

Two reunions under the auspices of the Needham Circuit Quarterly Conference Association have been held, consisting of prayer-meeting, love-feast, praise-meeting, social entertainment, and preaching. These occasions are increasing in favor with the churches, and are widely felt for good.

The new camp-meeting inaugurated this year at South Framingham is a decided success. Though christened in its infancy by a baptism which partook much more of the nature of immersion than of sprinkling, — a drenching rain continuing from the second day of the meeting to its close, — yet the infant grew and waxed strong under it. A deep spiritual influence rested upon the meeting from its commencement to its close; the brethren were quickened, and sinners saved.

The powerful revival in Natick was traced by the pastor, in his report to the last quarterly Conference of his charge, directly to the quickening which his people received at this meeting.

Twenty-one first-class society tents have already been erected, a topographical survey of the grounds has been made, an enthusiastic and competent worker in the enterprise has been permanently employed to live on, and take charge of, the grounds; and arrangements are being made for building a large number of family cottages there the present season. With the continued favor of the great Head of the Church, thus far signally manifest in the selection and purchase of the grounds, in the unanimity of sentiment and feeling with which plans and measures have been developed, and the cheering *esprit de corps* of the meeting, it is confidently expected, that, without abating the interest or numbers of any other like "Feast of Tabernacles," it will rank among the first of its kind in the country, and be a powerful auxiliary to them in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

The District Conference was not ordered — thirteen Quarterly Conferences only, out of fifty, voting in its favor.

Three new societies have been organized the present year, — two under the au-

spices of the Boston City Missionary and Church Extension Society respectively, at Windsor Street and Eggleston Square, the other at Franklin.

Five church-building enterprises have been started, which bid fair to be consummated the ensuing year, respectively in Natick, Hyde Park, Roslindale, Washington Village, and Franklin.

The last-named deserves more than a passing notice. When, a year ago, the pastor reached this place, he was met by a lay brother, to whom he was directed for entertainment, with the encouraging statement that there was no chance for him to do any thing in that town, that there was no tenement to be found for him, and that it was an insult to him to be appointed to such a place.

It is, however, due to this considerate brother to say, that he did not know (what was the fact) that the appointment had been made upon the express condition that a member of this Conference should purchase the Universalist Church, then offered for sale in the town, and hold it for the use of the young society until such time as it could be taken and held by a board of trustees. The purchase was promptly made of the agent of the society at a low figure, when said society as promptly went back on its agent, and refused to give a deed. Had this occurred before Conference, the prospect would not have warranted the appointment of a preacher to that place, — the class consisting only of three brethren and ten sisters, no one of whom was worth over \$500. Had it occurred under the pastorate of a less courageous minister, he would have requested to be removed, and placed where there was a chance to work and find a support for his family. But, instead of any thought of making such a request, the pastor proceeded at once to purchase one of the most eligible lots in the village, and commenced digging and stoning the cellar, thus furnishing palpable hints to the timid of his own flock, and to the well-wishers over the left, outside of his flock, that he had come to stay. It may be remembered that this is the place where it was stated, in my report of last year, that the presiding elder was censured by the leading pastor of the town, for presuming to send a man there to preach the gospel in the town hall without first consulting him. The pastor then opened a subscription, heading it himself with a hundred dollars, then getting the names of all the class for a hundred dollars and downward, — two or three one-hundred-dollar subscriptions being made by brethren dependent on day wages of two or three dollars per day. This noble exertion to help themselves won extended sympathy ; and the pastor soon saw his way to a subscription of six, or seven thousand dollars.

He, with the advice of a board of trust, immediately contracted for a church at a cost of ten thousand dollars above the foundation, upon such a plan that the vestry can be thrown into the auditorium by sliding-doors, and thereby, with the latter, furnishing seven hundred sittings — a few more than any other church in town.

One week ago last sabbath, the vestry, finished, was opened for religious service with a packed congregation, extending far back into the unfinished auditorium, where were, for their accommodation, in place of cushioned pews, piles of rough lumber, work-benches, stagings, and mortar in masterly confusion. Yet the audience staid with eager attention throughout the long service of preaching, the baptism of thirteen persons at the altar, and the administration of the Lord's supper, and gave us a collection of a hundred and fifty dollars towards furnishing the vestry. The church will be ready for dedication by the last of June ; and the pastor is quite confident there will not be a dollar's debt on it when dedicated. It is but simple

justice to say that the pivot on which this whole enterprise turned, under God, a few weeks after Conference, was the faith and pluck of the young pastor, Rev. Edward P. King. And it is simple history to say, that apparently no stone has been left unturned by certain parties to prevent Methodism from gaining a foothold in the town. First, the let-alone policy was tried, and Methodism took an advanced step; then was tried the patronizing policy, and Methodism "didn't see it;" then open and intriguing opposition confronted it, and Methodism, like Job's war-horse, snuffed the battle from afar, and shouted *aha! aha!* The East-Cambridge Praying-Band — a noble set of brethren — dropped down there one Saturday night, when the enemy's lines were broken, and a score or more were forward for prayers. The meeting was resumed the next morning at nine o'clock, and continued, with two brief intervals, until two o'clock on Monday morning. Several times the congregation was dismissed after nine o'clock sabbath evening; but then people would not leave the coarse, uncouth old town-house.

Sixty penitent sinners were forward that night at the altar; and some who could not get to the altar dropped down in their seats, and cried aloud for mercy. And when the sweet pæans of liberated souls began to swell on the midnight air, and all about the altar seemed in or near the kingdom, the pastor said, "Now, those sinners in the back part of the hall cannot get here to the altar; they would come if they could; come, brethren, let us go to them;" and away he, with a part of the Praying-Band, went to the rear, and recommenced praying, exhorting, and singing. Stout hearts quailed, and the slain of the Lord were seen on every hand. The marvellous work still continues. The pastor, with my advice, on account of it, will not spend an hour at the seat of this Conference.

Would that I were not compelled to say what I have here been constrained to write! The pastor, while nobly heading this work, with the whole church-building enterprise upon his shoulders, looking after and responsible for its minutest details, has been traduced by parties of another order in high social position, and brow-beaten and insulted in his own meeting by others, who have taken advantage of his courtesy to divert the popular current from him and his labors.

But with a prudence which has given no vantage-ground to the opposition, and with an heroic faith and steady nerve, he is following up the victories God has graciously given him. Amen.

Those who think Methodism is losing its early apostolic spirit would do well to go to Franklin and get posted. Give her the conditions of her early history, and she will to-day match its apostolic heroes, man for man.

W. R. CLARK.

LYNN DISTRICT.

ON Lynn District we have enjoyed a year of peace and prosperity. Through the harmony and co-operation of pastors and people, the work of God in all its departments has been promoted, and the cause in all parts of the district has been built up and strengthened.

According to the old rule, the preachers have all behaved well, and wanted nothing. Devoted to Christ and his cause, they have labored earnestly and unremittingly to promote the best interests of the churches.

With the exception of Bro. I. J. P. Collyer, who died in great peace in the early part of the year, and without being able to reach his appointment, the lives and usual health of the preachers and their families have been continued.

As a result of labor blessed of God, a delightful spiritual interest has pervaded the district. Many souls have been saved; many in the churches have been quickened.

At Lowell, Salem, Cambridge, and some less prominent places, the revival spirit has extensively prevailed. The old church at Salem, under the labors of Bro. Whedon, has been greatly refreshed. The losses by the new enterprise have been more than made up by additions from the world. In the Central Church, Lowell, under the labors of Bro. Dorechester, a delightful work of grace has continued from last year, resulting in the reception of a hundred and twenty on probation, and seventy in full. An equally important work has been enjoyed in Worthen-street, under Bro. Chadbourne. As the fruit of it, a hundred at least, have been received into the church. At Maple-street, a gracious work has been enjoyed under Bro. Lansing.

In Cambridge, all the churches, especially the younger ones, have been visited by the dews of grace; while in various other places the work, though silent and less extensive, has been profitable.

The material progress has kept pace with the spiritual. Church-building enterprises have been successfully prosecuted in Trinity and Cottage-streets, Cambridge, Medford and Tapleville, and North Somerville. Cottage-street is a new society, an offshoot of Harvard-street, which has built a small but neat chapel at the Point. Trinity Church was commenced two or three years ago, but has been completed within the past year, at a cost of \$30,000, 18,000 of which were raised on dedication-day.

Tapleville is a young society, established last year. They have erected an elegant church of wood, costing \$16,000, on which \$11,000 have been paid. The church is finished in ash and black walnut, with circular pews, and capable of seating six hundred people.

Our brethren at Medford have erected a beautiful house, to be dedicated in a few days, at a cost of \$45,000. Finely built, and capable of seating eight hundred persons, it will rank among our best churches, and will no doubt contribute greatly to the prosperity of that honored society.

The chapel at West Somerville is built by a society as yet scarcely organized, and made up of members from the Somerville and Medford churches.

The debts on churches already erected are being constantly and often rapidly extinguished. Harvard-street, Groveland, Trinity (Cambridge), Peabody, and South Lawrence have nearly or quite paid their debts the past year. The debt on the church at Groveland has been paid mostly by two of its members. It was noticed last year that a brother who labors by the day had paid a thousand dollars; and now Sister Merrill, who has earned her money with her own hands, extinguishes the remaining debt by the payment of a thousand dollars.

Building enterprises are also either commenced or contemplated at Malden, Wakefield, Woburn, Somerville, Winchester, Gloucester, and Lynn Common. That at Malden is in process of erection, and is to be a large and elegant church. At Wakefield, through the zeal and youthful toil of Bro. McCurdy, the subscriptions have been obtained, and the contract made, for an edifice costing \$16,000, and capable of seating six hundred people.

The church at Woburn was recently burned, and will no doubt in the course of the year be replaced by a still better one.

With growth at home, new charges are being formed, — Arlington, West Somerville, Salem, Carlisle, Tower Hill (Lynn,) Charlestown Neck, and Winchester.

The new society at Salem, under the lead of Bro. Gill, starts off well, having valuable leading men, an audience, and a good Sunday school. By the aid of Lafayette-street, they purchased and occupy the old Methodist church building, and will no doubt ere long become a strong church.

The society at Arlington grew out of that at East Cambridge. It is yet feeble, but has a good field, and, with a chapel, will no doubt rapidly grow.

The missions at Tower Hill and Charlestown Neck afford good promise. The former is under the charge of the City Missionary Society of Lynn; the latter began under the auspices of the Boston Church Extension Society. In both of them a good religious state prevails, and souls are being converted. At Tower Hill, a chapel was purchased by some of our brethren in Lynn. In that at the Neck, a chapel is greatly needed. Many have been converted, and seventy received on probation.

Amid the many other matters that have claimed attention, the benevolent collections have not been forgotten. The fruits of the interest and care in this direction will no doubt appear in the statistics.

The camp-meeting at Hamilton was an occasion of rare interest and profit to the churches. Many were converted, and the churches were quickened and prepared for labor at home.

The District Conference, having been approved by a majority of the Quarterly Conferences, was held the first one at Ipswich Oct. 30 and 31, 1872, and proved a very delightful and profitable gathering. The various interests of the Church were discussed, and plans laid to promote our work and enlarge our benevolent collections. The second was held at Cambridgeport, on the 12th of March, and was devoted largely to the routine business preparatory to the session of the Annual Conference. Both these assemblies, as beginnings, were necessarily to a great extent tentative and preparatory; but at the same time they showed the capabilities of this organization, when completely established and well managed for good. It affords a centre to the district, and furnishes the machinery for executing district plans. It is the battery, that, when properly charged, will electrify the whole district.

In conclusion, I desire gratefully to record the tokens of divine favor afforded the churches during the year, as also to express my gratitude for the pleasant relations maintained with both preachers and people.

D. SHERMAN.

WORCESTER DISTRICT.

THE review of the Worcester District for the last year presents several matters of interest and importance. The religious interests of the churches have been very gratifying. Revivals of large influence have been enjoyed in many parts of the district; and, in almost every station, some souls have been saved. These revivals have, in some instances, added greatly to the spiritual and financial strength of the churches.

Several Sunday-school conventions have been held in different points, and have promoted interest in that very important department of Christian labor. The schools are generally prosperous and successful.

The benevolent causes have failed to receive the support desirable, in consequence chiefly of the numerous and expensive church enterprises that have recently been undertaken and accomplished in the district. Three new churches have been dedicated the past year, — in Spencer, Leominster, and East Douglass; and another, for Christ's Church in Worcester, is completed, and will be dedicated some day in the present month.

The cost at Spencer was \$14,000; at Leominster, \$60,000; at East Douglass, \$7,000; and at Worcester, \$14,000.

Without particular description of these churches, it may be sufficient to say, that they each seem well adapted to the wants of the places where they are located, and afford assurance that they will contribute much to the growth and development of our cause. For their erection the pastors have labored with great earnestness, and in some cases with extraordinary self-sacrifice.

It is doubtful if any district in this or any Conference ever did so much, comparatively, in the building and improving of churches in three years, as has been done by our people in Worcester District. Ten churches have been dedicated in these years. The Minutes published in 1869, four years ago, report the probable value of the churches of this district as two hundred and forty-three thousand dollars. The estimated value of the ten churches built cannot be less than three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, — nearly a hundred thousand dollars more than all before possessed.

Several valuable and suitable parsonages have also been built or bought, contributing much to the comfort of the preachers and their families. In the last year, one has been built at Webster Square. It is to be lamented that in some of these church enterprises very heavy indebtedness has been incurred; but it is my conviction, that, with the ordinary commercial prosperity and the continued harmony and enterprise of our people, the fifth Annual Conference from this will witness the extinction of all these debts, or such a reduction of them as will relieve the Church from any embarrassment.

New churches are yet needed in four or five places, especially Ware, Whitinsville, East Pepperell, Ayer, and Winchendon.

A very fine site has been bought at Whitinville for a church, and an effort will be made to erect one the coming year. A similar effort will also be made at Pepperell; and, before the next Conference, a new church, costing about twenty-five thousand dollars, will be completed in Winchendon upon a new and more central lot already secured. This promises to be one of the most important and successful of all the enterprises recently undertaken.

Marked prosperity has attended the Day-street Church at Fitchburg the past year, by their leasing for five years a new and convenient hall exclusively devoted to their use.

It is a gratifying fact, that several churches much in debt three years ago are now free. Oxford has paid off all, — nine thousand dollars; Fitchburg all, — four thousand five hundred dollars; Clinton, Millbury, Ware, and others, smaller amounts. Each year the Brookfield church has paid a thousand dollars, leaving only two thousand dollars to be paid. The Southbridge church have paid off

three thousand dollars this year, leaving but three thousand dollars of the twelve thousand expended in rebuilding their church.

The church at Ayer, being obliged to suspend meetings in the early part of the year, in consequence of the great fire that consumed every hall in the town, have recently commenced worship in a new hall with renewed prospects of success.

The church edifice at North Brookfield has been renovated internally the last year, and is now a very beautiful audience-room.

It is a gratifying fact that a German church has been organized in Worcester, under the pastoral care of Rev. Bro. Groebe. He has also extended his work to Clinton, and formed a society there with very encouraging prospects.

The prosperity of the district is to be attributed, in a large degree, to the fidelity and zeal of the pastors, and the liberality and devotion of our people. I should not feel justified, if I failed to notice and commend the earnestness and usefulness of the praying bands that have visited several of the stations during the past year. So far as I am informed, it is the conviction of all the pastors with whom they have labored, that great and apparently permanent benefit is the result. General health has been enjoyed by the preachers and their families. An infant child of Bros. Weston and Ayers died in the early part of the year.

I had hoped to make this report without any notice of a preacher's decease; but Providence has otherwise ordered. And it is now made my painful duty to include in the history of the year the sudden death of Rev. La Roy S. Brewster, who died of diphtheria, Tuesday, March 18, 1873, at Webster, in the thirty-seventh year of his age. As other memorial services are to be held at this place in reference to this death, I do not deem it needful to say more at this time. It is enough for me to add, that I share in the conviction commonly expressed, that the death of this gifted, earnest, successful, and beloved brother, is a great loss to the Church and the Conference; while to his dear family it is a bereavement of inexpressible anguish. Our common consolation is the good evidence afforded by his life, that he has died in the Lord, and that our loss is his gain.

In concluding the last report that I shall make of the Worcester District, I wish to express my gratitude to the preachers who have at any time labored with me, and who have by their courtesy, forbearance, and sympathy, and ready co-operation, contributed so greatly to my personal comfort, and to the prosperity and enlargement of our cause during the term of my office.

L. CROWELL.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

IN reviewing the events and doings of the past year in the Springfield District, while we find abundant cause for gratitude and praise to God, and encouragement to the *laborers* and *churches*, we also find not small occasion for humiliation and regret.

The year has been one, that, in several regards, has been more than ordinarily unpropitious to the hope of realizing the highest expectations of church prosperity. The general financial depression very much affecting the results of industry; the disease that has crippled that most essential and faithful of man's auxiliaries, the horse; the excitement and disturbance of good feeling incident upon a presidential

election; the unparalleled exposures of frauds and publication of slanders, with the excitements caused by them; the many causes of exciting interest, together with a large number of stormy sabbaths and impassable roads, — all these have combined to embarrass the efforts of our preachers and people.

But, despite all these things, something has been done; some victories have been achieved for the Master. Through the kindly care of the Great Father, but one has been removed from the district by death during the year. Bro. John R. Tiddy came to us in October, 1871, and, under the appointment of the elder, supplied the pastoral charge of the Central Church, Springfield, made vacant by the failure of the health of the pastor, Bro. C. T. Johnson.

Bro. Tiddy, coming among us a young, timid, self-distrusting stranger, with but limited experience in the ministerial work, by the very modesty of his bearing, coupled with conscientious fidelity to his convictions of duty, and manifestations of great purity and strength of character, and more than ordinary ability, won for himself, slowly it may be, but surely and strongly, a warm place in the confidence and affection of the people. At the last session of this Conference he was received by us on trial, and re-appointed to the same charge, where he labored with constantly-increasing acceptability and usefulness until his death, Nov. 2, 1872.

Bro. Tiddy was a young man of rare qualities, both of mind and heart, and gave clear promise of a life of much usefulness in the cause of the Master. He leaves an endeared and faithful companion to the sympathies and care of the Conference and Church to which he gave himself so unreservedly, and, had it been the Master's appointment, would so gladly have served through a long life.

In the families of some of the preachers there has been sickness; but in only a few cases has there been any thing of a protracted or serious character.

The year has been characterized generally by harmony in the churches, and between the preachers and the people.

From various causes, the current finances in many of the churches have been more than ordinarily embarrassed. But I think the reports of the preachers will show that what was slow in coming was not wanting at the end. Some of our stewards are anxious that their pastors should have money to get to Conference with!

While there have not been in the district as extensive revivals as sometimes occur, and are, perhaps, *more frequently* reported, the churches generally have enjoyed a healthy, steady growth in what constitutes reliable strength.

At several of the weaker appointments of the district, in some of which but few things remained that could by possibility be strengthened, the Wesleyan Praying-Band of Springfield have bestowed their labors with very marked success, and richly deserve an honorable mention as among the most efficient agencies for good in the district.

I think the reports of the several charges will show that the sabbath-school interests have improved during the year. The system of uniform lessons, with a weekly teachers' meeting, and other means for exciting an interest in the study of the Scriptures, have greatly increased the interest in, and usefulness of, the schools. More of them than heretofore have *graciously* consented to permit a penny collection for missions; and those that take it, like it.

We have not succeeded in some two or three church-building enterprises as we had hoped, even expected, to have done. At Northampton, where we had hoped

to have been able to report at this time a large and beautiful church completed, it has been found impracticable to do any thing ; though the enterprise is by no means abandoned, nor will the hope of its accomplishment, as we trust, be long delayed.

The eligible site purchased more than a year since in the village of Greenfield for a church, so much needed there, has been sold ; and our interests in that beautiful and important place are greatly suffering.

In Belchertown the same causes have operated to stay a much-needed church enterprise. At the village of Florence in Northampton, through the very active exertions of the pastor, a most eligible site has been secured, and the foundation put in, for a beautiful church edifice, which they confidently hope to complete during the present season.

The new church edifice in process of erection on State Street, Springfield, is rapidly approaching completion. The vestry will be ready for occupancy next month, and the audience-room early in the Conference year. This church, when completed, will not be much excelled in beauty, richness, adaptation, or capacity by any other in our Conference.

The building of such an edifice is indeed a great enterprise, and in a place less thriving than Springfield would be considered hazardous. But there its success is sure. A subscription, already reaching the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, has been secured toward erecting a church edifice on South Main Street for the Central Church in Springfield ; and the enterprising brethren of that youngest of our churches in that city will erect, during the present season, a church edifice second to neither of those that have preceded it. And when this shall have been done, Methodism in that thriving city will be in good condition to engage in new enterprises for meeting the religious needs of our rapidly-increasing population.

At Heath, that beautiful town so far on the ascent towards heaven, a very neat, and, for the place, sufficiently-commodious, church has been nearly completed, and, it is expected, will be ready for occupancy at an early day. Towards the accomplishment of this, the efficient and ever-active pastor has been untiring in his exertions. A small chapel has been erected in what is known as Green Oliver District, between Coleraine and Leyden, and is designed for neighborhood-meetings to accommodate that part of these charges.

A new parsonage has been built at Bernardston during the year, which is well adapted to make a pleasant temporary home for some toil-worn itinerant.

The church and parsonage at South Wilbraham have been essentially improved during the past season ; and improvements to some extent have been made in several other charges.

When I am brought into contact with the needs of this district, and see how much might be accomplished, could these struggling societies receive some aid, I can but feel the conviction, that too large a proportion of our contributions go out from us to enterprises, important, no doubt, but not as pressing as these home interests.

The new camp-meeting grove, purchased during the last year in Northampton, has been fitted up in part in a neat and substantial manner ; and a large and successful meeting was held there last season. Further improvements will be made the coming season ; and the churches of the district are well pleased with this new and important accession to their agencies for good, while they say to all, " Come and see."

It is expected that during the coming year, measures will be taken to erect a commodious and elegant church edifice for the society at Westfield, — a work greatly needed, and which the friends there feel abundantly able and nearly willing to accomplish.

Thus it will be seen, that while we have failed in realizing during the past year all we *hoped*, — even confidently expected, — we do not abandon the enterprises, or abate our confidence that they will be carried forward; and, in the years not in the very far-distant future, the idea of a Western Massachusetts Conference will not be regarded as absurd.

L. R. THAYER.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

BISHOP WILEY.

Resolved, That we commend the wisdom of the last General Conference in the distribution of Episcopal residences throughout the connection, and regard this action as highly promotive of the efficiency and usefulness of the Episcopal office.

2. That we cordially welcome Bishop Wiley to New England as his home, and we do hereby tender to him and his estimable family our most fraternal and hearty welcome to the hearts and homes of New-England Methodism.

3. That the following named brethren be a Committee to tender to Bishop Wiley a suitable reception, and also to serve as a Committee of Conference with the bishop in regard to an Episcopal residence, and render him assistance in any other way he may desire or need: —

Rev. D. C. Knowles, Rev. Daniel Steele, Rev. W. R. Clark, Rev. A. D. Sargeant, Rev. W. F. Mallalieu; David Snow, Charles Woodbury, and Seth Whittier of Boston; T. P. Richardson of Lynn; Rev. G. F. Cox, Rev. D. Sherman.

Resolved, 4. That this Conference recognizes in Bishop Wiley an able, dignified, and courteous presiding officer, and, appreciating highly his faithful and powerful presentation of truth both from the pulpit and the Episcopal chair, will warmly welcome him to the presidency of our Conference whenever, in the economy of the Church, it shall fall to his lot to preside over us.

WILLIAM BUTLER.

WHEREAS, Rev. William Butler, D.D., has recently left us, by order of the Church, to commence and superintend our mission-work in Mexico, where he has already arrived and entered upon his labors, therefore —

Resolved, That, while, it costs us a sacrifice of feeling to forego the companionship and counsels of a fellow-laborer whom we have so learned to prize and love, we congratulate ourselves on the wisdom of our Mission Board in selecting the founder, under God, of our noble mission in India to inaugurate a comprehensive movement for planting the institutions of a pure Christianity in that priest-ridden land, and lifting its oppressed millions from the feet of the pope to the feet of Christ.

Resolved, That we here record our profound gratitude to Almighty God for the watchful Providence that has borne him and his dear family in safety to the land of his labors, and we will ever pray, and we hereby call upon the whole Church to pray, for his preservation amid the perils surrounding him, for grace to sustain him

under his critical responsibilities, and for wisdom to guide him in planning for the vast work of evangelization which the Church now prayerfully intrusts to his care.

Resolved, That we hereby respectfully request Dr. Butler, if consistent with his relations to our Mission Board, to send annually to this Conference such a communication relating to his work in Mexico as his wisdom may suggest.

MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

Resolved, That it is our profound and deepening conviction, that, while our Mission Board is justly calling upon our people for advanced contributions to the cause of missions, it should publish a Monthly Missionary Magazine that will furnish to the Church, more especially to her ministers, a lucid digest of missionary intelligence, with such arguments and appeals based thereon as shall be in some degree commensurate with the solemn obligation binding upon the Church to disciple all nations. And we hereby respectfully but most earnestly urge the managers of our Missionary Society to take early steps for meeting this great desideratum in the missionary operations of American Methodism.

JAMES MUDGE.

WHEREAS, our be'oved brother, Rev. James Mudge, has recently been transferred to our Missionary Conference in India, and is expected soon to leave for that land, therefore —

Resolved, That, in thus entering upon his life-work in India, he has our warmest sympathies and congratulations, and we rejoice in the favor which the great Head of the Church is putting upon the work of evangelizing the world, by thus moving many of our noblest young men to break from the attractions of home and country to aid in spreading the kingdom of Christ in pagan lands.

Resolved, That we shall ever hold our brother in affectionate remembrance, and pray that he may long be preserved to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ in pagan lands.

At another stage of the Conference proceedings, in view of the deeply interesting missionary meeting on sabbath evening at the Common-street Church, the following testimonial of the cordial regard cherished toward Bro. Mudge was also adopted : —

SEVENTEEN years ago this month, in this very city, an honored member of this Conference bade us farewell to go forth under the commission of the Church, and of the great Head of the Church, to found a Christian mission among the heathen millions of North-western India. Despite the formidable mutiny which immediately after, and for years, convulsed that far-off field, and despite the terrible rebellion which almost crippled the supporting Church at home, that interesting work thus planted by our own apostle, took root and has grown until it has itself become a Conference, with every appliance of Christian labor, and even with a voice in the supreme council of the Church.

This year it is our honor to give another of our number to that distant field, — one bearing the honored name of New England's first native Methodist minister. Since the immediate preparations for this Conference session were commenced, a call has come for some young man of scholarly attainments, linguistic talent, literary skill and taste, — above all, of genuine missionary zeal and personal consecration, — to assume the editorship of all our India mission publications, and aid in creating a Christian literature. But one man was named by the missionaries as, to their knowledge, meeting the requisitions. That man the Lord had so prepared, that, when the application reached him, his only answer was, "Here am I, Lord; send me."

In bidding our brother Godspeed, we desire to assure him of our high appreciation of his personal character as a Christian minister, and our sincere regret to lose him from our goodly fellowship. Still more, however, do we wish to confirm him in the better part which he has chosen, and pledge to him our earnest prayers for his prosperity. Most cordially do we commend him to our India brethren as the man they ask for, — a brother whom they can but love and honor. God bless him! God give him a place in India's apostleship, and everlasting honors in redemption's consummation!

THE ITINERANT SYSTEM.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote, and ordered it published in "Zion's Herald." Its pre-eminent importance justifies its incorporation in the Conference Minutes: —

Whereas, The itinerant system of the Methodist-Episcopal Church has been greatly blessed of God in the salvation of souls, and the building up of the Church, and has demonstrated itself to be the most efficient plan for supplying pulpit labor; and,

Whereas, The pre-arrangement of the stations by the people and preachers is exceedingly embarrassing to the constituted authorities, and productive of many evils to both preachers and people, by creating invidious distinctions among the preachers, and a feverish restlessness among the people; therefore: —

Resolved, That as a Conference, and individually, we will hereafter discourage all such proposed arrangements by personally rejecting all such applications, and pledge ourselves to resist all such applications, and earnestly exhort the people to submit the whole matter of arranging the appointments to the authorities of the Church.

MEMOIRS.

ISAAC J. P. COLLYER finished his course in Christian triumph, May 7, 1872, at Boston Highlands, where he had just completed a three years' successful pastorate, and where he preached his first and last sermon. He was born in Seekonk, Mass., May 19, 1814, and resided for a number of years in Mechanic Place, Boston, and followed the avocation of baker. He experienced converting grace in a little attic-chamber in this locality, and connected himself with the Bromfield-street Church. Here he remained till the organization of the North-Russell-street Church, with which he connected himself, and from which he received a recommendation for license as a local preacher, and to be received into the New-England Conference. He united with the Conference in 1844, and was stationed at Topsfield. His next appointment was Danvers, now Peabody, where he remained two years, and was greatly blessed in his labors among that people. Subsequently he filled several of the most important appointments of the Conference. Twice he was stationed at Cambridge (Harvard Street), after which his appointments were Newburyport, Lowell (Worthen-street), Boston (Centenary Church), Westfield, Lowell (Central Church), Boston (Church-street), Gloucester, Ipswich, East Cambridge, and Boston Highlands. From the latter he went to his reward. His last appointment was Stoneham, which he received a few weeks before his death; but he was unable to visit his people, or preach to them a sermon.

Bro. Collyer was a remarkable man. Physically, he was well formed, of medium height, of full, robust countenance, and of a manly, noble bearing. He possessed a strong, independent, quick, penetrating, earnest mind. Though without the culture of the schools, his intellect, assisted by a strong imagination, practical good sense, and a warm, ardent piety, gave him great power in the pulpit. He was easy and ready of utterance, often graphic, and thrilling in description, excelled in the use of language, and pointed and direct in his appeals. His voice was clear and full; and the congregations he served will not soon forget its earnest, ringing notes, swelling often into loud, majestic utterances, moving hearts as the tempest moves the forest.

As a pastor he excelled. His excellent social qualities, and his desire to do the people good, and to sympathize with them, gave him ready access to the families of his charge; and by them he was always most cordially welcomed.

As a friend, he was true and faithful. Who ever knew him to deceive or to prove untrue in his friendships? Having once given you his friendly hand, you could depend on it always and everywhere.

His piety was deep, ardent, and consistent. He was always earnest to do his Master's work. Though strongly emotional, he kept this part of his nature under proper restraint and influence — in harmony with the intellectual faculties. He was

decided and independent in his religious views, but never a bigot or uncharitable, — willing that others should enjoy their opinions, though they differed from his. His spirit, though ardent and zealous, was free from all carping, indiscriminate condemnation of others. Censoriousness was no part of his character. He was genial, pleasant, kind, always hopeful and cheerful.

His ministry of twenty-eight years was remarkably successful. Few ministers have been more honored of the Master in turning men to righteousness. In nearly all, if not in all, his charges, he witnessed many conversions and additions to the Church, and saw the prosperity of Zion in all of its interests. We know of no instance in which our brother failed in accomplishing the great purposes of the Christian ministry. We have no doubt but the Master has said to him, "Well done!" Few Christian ministers have left a brighter record of ministerial fidelity, and few will wear a crown with more or brighter stars.

He died in great triumph. Among his last utterances were shouts of victory. "Hallelujah" and "glory" were words which often fell from his lips in the fulness of his Christian joy; and now they were uttered with emphasis and an inexpressible fulness of meaning from dying lips.

He will be greatly missed in the Conference and in the churches. We shall miss his genial, pleasant countenance, and his clear, ready, ringing words; but we cannot forget them with his many virtues.

A devoted, earnest, true, and successful fellow-laborer, a sincere and faithful friend, a pure, ardent, and consistent Christian and minister, has gone; but he fell nobly at his post, with armor on in the midst of his strength and usefulness. We love to think of the many excellences of our dear, departed brother; and we will cherish his memory with the strong affection of Christian love; and we hope ere long to greet him in that world where we will all unite in the victor's song of heavenly triumph.

"Go to the grave in all thy glorious prime,
In full activity of zeal and power.
A Christian cannot die before his time;
The Lord's appointment is the servant's hour."

LA ROY S. BREWSTER died in Webster, Mass., March 18, 1873, in the thirty-seventh year of his year.

He was the youngest son of John L. and Keziah Brewster, and was born in Unity, N.H. An only brother died a martyr's death in Andersonville.

One day, when fourteen years old, Bro. B. was walking in the streets of Lowell. He became deeply impressed with the sinfulness of sin and the need of personal pardon. Deliberately he resolved to consecrate himself, soul and body, to God. He returned home, and in his chamber sought and found peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. To his mother's prayers and counsels he was wont to attribute his early conversion and religious life. At once he professed his faith, and united with the Worthen-street Church, then under the pastoral care of Rev. Chas. Adams.

His education was obtained chiefly in the public schools, and in New-Hampshire

Conference Seminary. On account of failing health, he was obliged to relinquish his studies. At 19 he received license to preach ; at 21 he was appointed to Shelburne Falls, under the presiding elder, Rev. Thos. Marcy. He had hoped to return to school, but was persuaded to join the New-England Conference the following spring, and was sent back to Shelburne Falls. His subsequent Conference record runs as follows : Jenksville, 1859 ; South Wilbraham, 1860 and 1861 ; Southampton, 1862 and 1863 ; Newburyport, 1864-1866 ; Church-street, Boston, 1867-1869 ; Hudson, 1870 ; Webster, 1871 and 1872.

God blessed Bro. Brewster's labors. At Shelburne Falls souls were brought to Christ. The same was true at almost every appointment. At South Wilbraham there was a gracious revival, and the membership of the Church was doubled. The temporal interests of his charges were not forgotten. The church at Newburyport, erected under most embarrassing circumstances, remains a monument of his efficient zeal and tireless energy.

He was ordained deacon at Springfield in 1860, and elder at Westfield in 1862, by Bishop Janes. In 1857 he was married to Miss Mary Jane Ames, of Lowell. Two children, one aged thirteen, the other nine, are left.

Bro. Brewster's natural endowments were well adapted to his calling. His voice, personal address, genial spirit, and winning manners were eminently favorable to success. He was correct in his habits, punctual and systematic in his duties. An early riser, he devoted the forenoon to study and preparation for pulpit work. He was a reader, a thinker, an observer. His discourses were well arranged, full of vital truth, of apt illustration, of pointed enforcement of Christian privilege and duty. His manner in the desk was dignified, impressive, solemn. His appeals, often deeply pathetic, at times were bursts of impassioned eloquence.

As a pastor he excelled. He watched every interest of his flock. He visited *all*, and, with Christlike solicitude, cared for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the people. He uttered words of cheer for the aged and infirm ; he gave wise counsels to the young and strong ; he had bright smiles for tender children. He sought out the sick and poor, knelt at the couch of the dying, and poured out consolation upon the sons and daughters of bereavement.

Interested in the great moral movements of the age, he was ever the fearless advocate of true reform. Among the people whom he served, he was a favorite. He possessed at once their confidence and love. Unexpectedly to himself, suddenly to his friends, he was summoned away. Disease came with mild and flattering symptoms, but, alas ! with fatal results.

The early sickness was not alarming. The danger increased ; remedies were unavailing. Death drew near. Just before our brother sank into the final slumber, he turned his eye upon his watching, anxious wife, gave a smile of peculiar sweetness and brightness, and, with uplifted hand, seemed to wave a gentle farewell to the loved ones of earth, as if already entering into the joys and employments of a brighter world.

J. R. TIDDY died of typhoid fever at his residence in Springfield, Mass., Nov. 2, 1872, aged twenty-eight years.

Bro. Tiddy was born in England, and came to this country about eleven years

since, whither he was soon after followed by his father and family, who became residents of Maryland. Bro. Tiddy was converted to God at the age of seventeen years, and, with premonitions of his subsequent calling, pursued his academic studies at Pennington, N.J., and, for a while after graduation, was a teacher in the same institution. He spent a brief period in the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. About three years since, he married Maria, the only daughter of Rev. A. C. Manson, of the New-England Conference, and went to Minnesota, where he labored for a year on a circuit near Duluth. In consequence of the failing health of his wife, he sought work in her native New England, and was appointed in charge of the Central Methodist Church in Springfield.

At the session of the New-England Conference in 1872, he was received as a probationer, and re-appointed to the same church, where he labored with marked fidelity and usefulness, until, in seven months, he was transferred by the Bishop of his soul to that field where God's laborers neither weary nor die. Bro. Tiddy was not one who would attract marked attention at casual meetings. He was very unassuming, seemingly timid and distrustful of his own abilities. Yet by the tenderness and simplicity that so characterized his deportment, the manifestly deep tone of his piety, the self-balance of his active and well-cultured mind, as well as by the devotion and ability with which he discharged the duties of his calling, he won strongly upon the confidence, high regard, and affection of those within the sphere of his influence.

The manifest strength and activity of his intellectual powers; the rare retentiveness of memory, enabling him to repeat a sermon without hesitation after reading it over but twice; his devotion to study and system in its prosecution; his deep conscientiousness and pervading piety, moving him to prepare much of his sermons on his knees; his superior natural endowments of mind and heart, together with his agreeable social qualities—all contributed to give an earnest of a career of honor and usefulness in the work to which he had consecrated himself.

His last sermon was from Christ's farewell: "Peace I leave with you." His wife, seeming to have a presentiment that it would be his last, urged him not to preach it that day, and especially in the afternoon; but he felt constrained to do so. None present will ever forget the impressiveness of the occasion. Tuesday following he was prostrated, and never recovered. During his sickness he had, and expressed, exalted and sublime views of God's power and the preciousness of his faith in Jesus Christ.

This good pastor, able preacher, dutiful son, devoted husband, and holy man has passed early to his reward; and we can but lament for such a loss. We take consolation in the words of his Master, who, for infinite reasons, has removed him from earth: "What I do, thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." To the sympathies and prayers of the Church we earnestly commend her, who, knowing him best, and therefore prizing him most, weeps over the desolation in her hopes, her home, her heart.

ACT OF ASSOCIATION AND INCORPORATION

Of the Preachers' Aid Society of the New-England Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Be it known that we, Thomas Patten, President, Noah K. Skinner and David Snow Vice-Presidents, Charles L. Lane, Treasurer, Franklin Rand, Secretary, and Amos B. Merrill, Pliny Nickerson, Jacob Sleeper, James P. Magee, Levi L. Tower, Edward F. Porter, William Blakemore, William Noble, and Richard Beeching, Managers, of an unincorporated charitable society, to be superseded by this organization, do hereby associate ourselves together, as a body politic and corporate, under the provisions of the fifty-sixth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, by the name of the Preachers' Aid Society of the New-England Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, upon the following

FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE 1. This corporation is located in the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ART. 2. The purpose for which it is established is, to aid and relieve the sick, infirm, and aged members of the New-England Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who have served the Church, and have become unable to travel and to perform ordinary ministerial duty, and the needy and distressed widows and orphans of deceased members of said Conference; to take, hold, and distribute donations; and to establish a permanent fund.

ART. 3. It shall have the corporate name aforesaid, and a corporate seal, bearing the initial letters P. A. S. N. E. A. C. M. E. C. surrounding the words April, 1858.

ART. 4. The corporators shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and nine Managers; and they shall respectively hold said offices, and the office of corporator, for one year from the last Monday of March in each year, and until their successors are chosen; and all vacancies which may occur in the interim shall be filled by successors chosen, *pro tempore*, by the corporation.

ART. 5. All persons who pay annual subscriptions to the funds of the corporation shall be deemed annual donors; and all persons who pay twenty dollars at any one time, or who have heretofore so paid the same to the aforesaid unincorporated society, shall be deemed life donors.

ART. 6. On the last Monday of March in each year, at a time and place to be specified in a notice signed by the secretary or some other three corporators, and published in "Zion's Herald" on the week previous, shall be held the annual meeting of said corporation, at which all said donors may be present; and they and said corporators may then elect, by ballot, from members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the officers and corporators for the ensuing year, who, upon such election, shall succeed to the places of their predecessors respectively, with like powers, duties, and tenure of office. And the corporation shall report at said annual meeting all their doings, receipts, and disbursements for the previous year, and the state of the corporate funds and property; which report shall be transmitted by the treasurer to the next ensuing New-England Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 7. Special meetings of the corporation may be called at any time by the secretary or any other three corporators, by written notice delivered to, or deposited in, the Boston Post-office for each corporator, or published in "Zion's Herald" on the week previous; and the first special meeting hereafter held shall be the first meeting of this corporation.

ART. 8. All moneys donated to the corporation shall be appropriated according to the direction of the donors; but if not by them otherwise directed, they shall be appropriated for the objects and in the manner specified in Articles 2 and 9.

ART. 9. All applications for aid from the corporation shall be made to a committee of the New-England Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, appointed for that purpose; and no application shall be granted by the corporation without a written certificate of that committee, recommending a specified appropriation in the case.

ART. 10. Amendments and alterations may be made of these articles at the annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the donors and corporators present, provided notice of the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been inserted in the published notice calling the meeting.

These articles, and all alterations and amendments, shall be recorded immediately in the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk.

In witness whereof, we have hereto subscribed our names, at Boston aforesaid, this seventeenth day of April, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

THOMAS PATTEN,	<i>President.</i>
NOAH K. SKINNER,	{ <i>Vice-Presidents.</i>
DAVID SNOW,	
CHARLES L. LANE,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
FRANKLIN RAND,	<i>Secretary.</i>
AMOS B. MERRILL,	{ <i>Managers.</i>
PLINY NICKERSON,	
JACOB SLEEPER,	
JAMES P. MAGEE,	
LEVI L. TOWER,	
EDWARD F. PORTER,	
WILLIAM BLAKEMORE,	
WILLIAM NOBLE,	
RICHARD BEECHING,	

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR CITY MISSIONS.

Bost., Bromfield St. (Home Miss.)	1,163 00	Windsor St. (Home Work)	60 00
Church Street.....	180 00	Everett (Home Work).....	100 00
Meridian ".....	150 00	Lynn, Common Street.....	500 00
Winthrop ".....	1,575 00	Boston Street (Home Miss.)	161 50
Highlands (Home Miss.) ..	625 00	Cambridge, Harvard Street (Home	
Dorchester Street.....	60 00	Miss.)	1,600 00
Washington Village (Home		Trinity (Home Miss.)..	1,300 00
Work).....	50 00	Lowell, St. Paul's, " "	206 67
Washington Street.....	35 00	South Athol.....	2 00
Appleton Church (Mission-			
ary).....	7 25		\$7,775 42

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN CHRISTIAN UNION.

Boston, Tremont Street	\$50 09	Oxford	26 50
Marlboro'	12 00	Oakdale	23 60
Sudbury	8 00	Chicopee Falls.....	6 00
Maynard	20 09	Holyoke	33 00
Lynn, Boston Street	34 60	Easthampton.....	5 00
Cambridge, Harvard Street.....	64 39	Bondville	2 30
Lynn, Common Street.....	72 69	West Medway (Roman Catholic	
Swampscott.....	10 00	Cause).....	13 00
Charlestown, Trinity.....	23 70	Malden.....	106 00
Cliffondale.....	6 50		
Marblehead.....	11 55		\$528 00

SCHEDULE NO. 1.

STATISTICS OF BOSTON DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1873.

STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT'NS.		Churches.	CH. PROPERTY.		Persons owned.	SAB. SCHOOLS.		PREACH. SUPP'T.				
	Proba'ners.	Members.	Lo. Preach.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.		Probable Value.	Probable Value.		Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Rent.	Whole Estimate.	Total Receipts.
Boston, Hanover Street.	180	4	1	3	1	1	1	\$90,000	1	30	187	1	30	187	\$2,500	\$2,500	
" Bromfield St.	33	518	11	5	2	21	1	75,000	1	\$8,000	1	30	270	800	1,000	3,000	
" Church Street.	18	248	2	2	9	1	1	75,000	1	30	301	800	1	30	2,000	2,000	
" Grace Church	35	268	4	2	1	6	1	75,000	1	40	265	825	1	40	3,000	3,000	
" Tremont St.	35	295	5	7	2	9	1	150,000	1	14,000	1	34	230	1,200	1,500	4,500	
" Meridian St.	30	461	2	15	11	19	1	25,000	1	6,000	1	60	587	1,000	400	2,100	
" Saratoga St.	3	290	1	3	6	1	1	30,000	1	4,000	1	51	480	1,000	420	1,800	
" Winthrop St.	50	391	2	4	5	22	1	70,000	1	11,000	1	39	371	1,200	800	2,800	
" Highlands.	20	211	2	1	4	5	1	25,000	1	35	360	621	600	2,200	2,300	2,300	
" Broadway Ch.	55	316	3	3	8	21	1	75,000	1	43	450	400	750	2,750	2,750	2,750	
" Dorchester St.	37	190	1	1	13	37	1	25,000	1	27	278	550	550	2,350	2,350	2,350	
" City Mission.	60	1	7	18	7	1	1	4,500	1	4	20	217	200	217	200	217	
" Revere Street.	40	39	1	1	5	3	1	18,000	1	22	190	490	230	230	230	230	
" Wash'n Village	19	98	4	5	1	7	1	10,000	1	18	90	300	300	1,000	1,000	1,000	
" Dorchester Ch.	24	171	1	2	1	3	1	10,000	1	34	210	692	312	1,812	1,812	1,812	
" Appleton Ch.	32	2	1	1	1	1	1	6,000	1	12	66	254	400	400	400	400	
Chelsea, Walnut Street	26	385	2	4	5	6	1	35,000	1	7,000	1	87	385	1,000	800	2,800	
" Mt. Bellingham	60	430	4	12	8	50	1	30,000	1	5,500	1	42	375	1,200	500	2,500	
" Park St.	31	72	1	2	3	8	1	18	172	200	600	600	600	600	600	600	
Allston	11	28	1	2	4	4	1	12	66	254	400	400	400	400	400	400	
Everett	20	58	1	11	8	1	1	10,000	1	16	130	130	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Winthrop	14	87	1	7	7	1	1	18,000	1	16	136	407	180	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Jam. Plain & Roslindale	3	65	1	1	1	1	1	22,000	1	22	140	800	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Hyde Park	25	135	1	13	1	1	1	4,200	1	21	193	420	400	1,600	1,600	1,600	
Quincy Point	1	70	2	1	1	1	1	7,500	1	21	119	406	150	800	1,000	1,000	
Dedham	47	1	2	1	1	1	1	3,500	1	3,000	1	10	80	300	200	1,100	
South Walpole	3	73	1	1	2	1	1	4,500	1	2,000	1	16	85	517	175	825	
Newton	6	104	1	2	2	1	1	15,000	1	8,000	1	15	110	413	600	2,400	
Newton Upper Falls.	3	100	1	8	1	1	1	10,000	1	2,500	1	30	200	400	200	1,200	
Newton Lower Falls.	13	41	1	2	1	1	1	4,500	1	18	100	300	150	1,050	1,050	1,050	
Newtonville	11	100	2	11	1	1	1	40,000	1	16	95	500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Auburndale	29	100	1	6	5	1	1	12,000	1	22	162	400	320	1,200	1,200	1,200	
Highlandville.	8	50	1	3	3	1	1	19	135	270	200	950	950	950	950	950	
Natick	37	150	1	11	11	1	1	4,000	1	18	169	460	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	
Ashland	43	102	1	1	30	1	1	16,000	1	19	131	317	200	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Cochituate.	8	51	1	1	1	1	1	11,000	1	19	170	650	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Saxtonville	20	135	1	2	6	1	1	8,000	1	1,200	1	18	82	598	150	1,200	
Holliston	2	140	4	1	1	1	1	7,000	1	2,500	1	19	150	431	1,225	1,225	
Hopkinton	18	114	1	1	1	1	1	10,000	1	2,500	1	20	150	808	200	1,200	
Milford	3	140	1	1	1	1	1	12,000	1	2,000	1	25	187	300	1,300	1,300	
West Medway.	11	118	1	1	3	1	1	5,500	1	3,500	1	15	125	350	1,200	1,200	
Franklin	30	21	1	2	17	1	1	11	73	95	90	700	700	700	700	700	
So. Framingham.	7	50	1	1	1	1	1	17	60	252	800	800	800	800	800	800	
Mendon	28	1	3	1	1	1	1	3,000	1	12	38	325	50	700	700	700	
Westboro'	5	66	1	7	1	1	1	9,250	1	21	176	325	165	1,165	1,165	1,165	
Marlboro'	6	119	2	2	1	5	1	9,000	1	2,500	1	18	143	460	250	1,400	
Rock Bottom.	6	57	1	1	1	1	1	7,500	1	1,500	1	18	104	200	100	800	
Sudbury	4	55	1	1	1	1	1	3,500	1	1,200	1	16	65	214	100	700	
Hudson	12	138	1	16	1	1	1	15,000	1	19	140	240	250	1,250	1,250	1,250	
Maynard	3	75	3	1	4	1	1	7,000	1	17	150	596	126	1,200	1,200	1,200	
Boston, Windsor St.*	3	30	1	1	1	1	1	3,000	1	14	101	318	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
" Egleston Sq.*	21	12	1	1	1	1	1	16,500	1	20	124	187	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Totals	902	7311	65	107	158	374	43	1,090,750	21	96,100	57	1244	9773	24,276	13,588	74,012	73,677

STATISTICS OF LYNN DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1873.

Lynn, Common Street.	12	425	1	10	1	5	1	25,000	1	10,000	1	57	397	1,300	500	3,500	3,500
" St. Paul's.	37	276	1	5	5	22	1	50,000	1	4,000	1	40	303	614	500	2,500	2,500
" South Street.	8	171	2	1	1	1	1	12,500	1	5,000	1	42	205	550	1,700	1,700	1,700
" Maple Street.	70	158	2	25	70	1	1	30,000	1	2,500	1	27	324	432	200	1,400	1,400
" Boston Street.	32	255	2	3	7	1	1	20,000	1	4,000	1	48	285	420	400	2,200	2,400
Swampscott.	31	97	1	1	27	1	1	15,000	1	20	135	536	150	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Charlestown, Trinity Ch.	30	390	2	6	13	26	1	90,000	1	7,000	2	76	878	1,124	700	2,700	2,700
" Union Church.	68	183	3	10	11	1	1	40,000	1	33	256	784	400	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Somerville, Webster av.	25	150	2	6	20	30	1	20,000	1	29	283	1,126	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
East Somerville.	20	73	3	3	1	1	1	8,000	1	20	125	350	200	900	900	900	900
Cambridge, Trinity Ch.	47	270	3	4	15	20	1	70,000	1	7,000	2	45	373	910	500	2,000	2,000
" Harvard St.	39	325	1	2	6	10	1	40,000	1	5,000	1	47	303	900	500	2,500	2,500
" North Avenue	21	89	4	3	6	5	1	12,000	1	15	115	350	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
" Cottage St.	20	60	1	1	3	13	1	7,000	1	18	158	420	450	520	520	520	520
Lowell, St. Paul's.	103	360	5	10	2	58	1	20,000	1	36	354	871	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
" Worthen Street	80	402	3	2	5	44	1	25,000	1	5,000	1	46	411	661	450	2,250	2,250
" Central Church	43	381	1	3	5	65	1	35,000	1	35	327	520	350	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Graniteville.	16	41	1	3	1	1	1	15,000	1	11	100	367	150	900	900	900	900
West Chelmsford.	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	2,000	1	13	55	200	75	600	600	600	600
Woburn	10	172	1	1	2	1	1	23	171	350	300	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Stonham.	22	169	3	1	2	1	1	22,000	1	4,000	1	40	364	330	400	1,500	1,500

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STATISTICS OF LYNN DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1873 — *Continued.*

STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT'MS		CH. PROPERTY.			SAB. SCHOOLS.				PREACH. SUPPLY.			
	Proba'ners.	Members.	Lo. Preach.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Rent.	Whole Estimate.	Total Receipts.
Reading	15	85	1	...	...	...	1	\$6,000	...	...	1	21	176	220	\$200	\$1,000	\$1,075
Wakefield	24	94	2	...	1	8	1	8,000	...	...	1	20	120	300	300	1,200	1,200
Malden	24	214	2	5	3	11	1	20,000	1	\$5,000	1	31	239	600	400	2,200	2,200
Maplewood	12	46	2	...	...	1	1	3,500	...	...	1	15	70	326	...	600	600
Melrose	4	185	1	1	2	1	1	20,000	1	2,500	1	21	160	400	400	1,400	1,600
Medford	14	138	...	2	...	6	1	7,000	...	...	1	26	268	525	400	1,800	1,875
Winchester	10	28	1	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	1	13	60	525	...	...	520
East Saugus	4	103	1	2	1	1	1	14,000	1	6,000	1	20	186	728	400	1,500	1,700
Cliftondale	2	80	...	2	1	...	...	2,000	1	4,000	1	12	75	600	275	1,000	1,000
Salem	60	188	1	5	1	6	1	20,000	...	...	1	44	326	500	400	1,900	1,900
" Wesley Chapel..	7	64	1	...	2	2	1	8,000	...	...	1	14	97	72	200	1,000	1,000
Beverly	11	77	1	...	1	4	1	18,000	1	4,000	1	22	163	650	400	1,400	1,400
Marblehead	40	186	2	4	3	23	1	10,000	1	2,500	1	28	232	570	300	1,300	1,300
Peabody	10	110	...	...	1	7	1	17,000	1	2,500	1	19	150	338	350	1,350	1,350
Waltham	45	245	...	6	8	10	1	15,000	1	5,000	1	29	294	365	300	1,500	1,500
Watertown	7	81	1	1	3	...	1	10,000	...	...	1	19	149	675	...	1,200	1,200
Weston	4	53	...	...	...	...	1	3,000	1	2,000	1	10	50	500	150	950	950
Spewich	10	265	1	3	1	11	1	18,000	1	1,800	1	32	262	875	200	1,200	1,200
Newburyport, Wash. St.	5	109	...	4	...	3	1	12,000	...	...	1	20	103	550	150	925	925
" Purchase St.	11	87	...	2	3	...	1	8,000	1	1,500	1	19	210	400	125	925	1,020
" Riverdale..	8	84	1	...	1	8	1	4,500	...	...	1	21	100	710	70	800	800
" Elm Street.	41	345	...	2	9	7	1	9,000	1	6,000	2	46	422	550	500	1,200	1,200
" Riverdale..	1	118	...	4	...	...	1	9,000	1	2,500	1	25	152	300	200	1,000	900
Rockport	20	93	...	1	10	8	1	16,000	...	...	1	24	144	309	130	1,230	1,230
Bay View	26	114	1	1	14	28	1	10,000	...	...	1	30	200	250	100	1,000	1,115
Opsfield	3	100	...	1	...	...	1	10,000	1	2,000	1	21	150	344	200	1,000	1,000
North Andover	9	55	...	5	2	2	1	5,500	1	1,400	1	20	91	300	100	900	900
Groveland	22	54	1	...	...	...	1	5,000	...	...	1	11	68	500	96	...	650
Ballardvale	5	35	1	...	...	2	1	4,000	...	...	1	15	84	200	...	650	660
South Lawrence	6	41	1	...	1	9	1	2,500	...	...	1	13	75	150	72	800	800
Mapleville	20	37	...	...	...	9	1	16,000	...	...	1	17	180	...	...	800	800
Totals	1214	7977	51	115	197	597	50	869,650	25	102,200	56	1399	10,975	26,441	12,193	70,930	72,946

STATISTICS OF WORCESTER DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1873.

Vorchester, Trinity Ch..	24	365	4	4	2	8	1	100,000	1	10,000	1	44	410	836	600	2,800	...
" Laurel Street	18	152	1	2	1	13	1	17,000	1	3,500	1	28	219	700	400	1,500	1,500
" Grace Ch..	51	486	3	3	...	45	1	70,000	...	...	1	47	428	516	400	2,500	2,500
" Webster Sq.	24	70	1	1	1	11	1	22,000	1	3,500	1	15	100	680	...	1,200	1,200
" Christ Ch..	8	32	...	...	...	10	1	20,000	...	...	1	13	130	200	200	1,200	1,200
Shrewsbury .....	...	90	1	1	...	...	1	7,000	1	1,500	1	15	95	627	150	1,000	800
New-England Village.	12	45	1	...	...	6	1	3,500	...	...	1	9	90	325	...	600	600
Hillbury	17	109	1	3	...	...	1	6,000	...	...	1	17	108	415	200	1,000	1,000
East Douglas	11	65	...	...	...	5	1	8,000	1	1,500	1	16	100	342	125	800	800
Whitinsville	11	83	...	...	2	9	...	1	4,750	1	16	89	400	150	850	850	850
Cherry Valley .....	...	51	...	4	2	3	1	4,000	...	...	1	14	110	580	100	800	800
Oxford	24	116	...	3	3	12	1	25,000	1	1,500	1	16	110	500	200	1,200	1,200
Webster	25	217	2	2	1	3	1	20,000	...	...	1	20	267	...	...	1,516	1,516
Budley .....	...	70	1	...	...	...	1	2,500	...	...	1	8	55	200	...	...	...
Southbridge	5	120	...	1	1	3	1	16,000	1	2,000	1	28	125	400	250	1,250	1,250
Charlton	22	70	...	...	...	8	1	4,000	1	1,300	1	12	84	338	100	700	700
Pencer	28	114	...	2	...	6	1	18,000	1	3,500	1	16	121	438	300	1,150	1,150
Brookfield	8	93	...	...	1	7	1	15,000	1	3,000	1	23	100	220	200	1,100	1,100
Vest Brookfield	13	73	...	...	...	36	1	3,000	1	3,000	1	16	125	350	...	1,000	800
North Brookfield	10	80	...	2	...	7	1	9,000	...	...	1	11	75	250	200	900	900
Warren	12	94	...	3	3	28	1	6,500	...	...	1	15	95	450	175	...	1,000
Conson	5	158	1	4	...	24	1	15,000	1	1,500	1	18	205	375	150	1,000	1,000
Vales	12	77	...	2	...	11	1	1,500	1	1,500	1	10	67	360	100	700	700
Atch Depot	47	171	1	3	...	10	1	12,000	1	3,500	1	29	236	556	300	1,300	1,300
South Royalston	28	60	...	4	2	4	2	5,000	...	...	1	10	50	400	50	600	600
Vare	50	141	1	3	2	39	1	8,000	...	...	1	20	150	400	150	1,100	1,100
Arre .....	...	70	1	...	...	1	1	7,500	1	1,200	1	13	75	225	...	525	525
Hubbardston	4	132	1	4	...	1	1	6,000	1	1,200	1	18	165	310	100	800	800
East Templeton	7	76	2	2	1	...	1	3,000	1	2,500	1	12	125	400	250	900	900
Winchendon	35	200	...	...	3	8	1	3,000	1	3,000	1	17	205	550	300	1,300	1,300
Shuburnham	36	155	...	4	1	16	1	37,000	1	1,500	1	17	189	400	150	1,200	1,200
Uitchburg	25	195	2	6	2	15	1	8,000	...	...	1	25	159	343	300	1,500	1,500
" Day St.	51	99	1	1	1	30	...	...	...	...	1	31	250	273	175	1,000	1,000
Leominster	19	246	...	2	4	14	1	60,000	...	...	1	26	214	760	...	1,500	1,500
Uxbridge	10	52	...	...	...	...	1	8,000	1	1,000	1	15	95	435	115	1,000	1,000
Uxbridge	8	51	1	2	1	...	1	2,000	...	...	1	14	100	590	108	700	735
East Pepperell	16	40	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	1	11	40	350	72	475	475
Uxbridge	15	150	...	...	12	10	1	12,000	...	...	1	25	194	500	225	1,200	1,200
Uxbridge	30	158	...	...	...	...	1	8,000	...	...	1	20	120	330	165	1,000	1,000
Uxbridge	4	46	...	3	...	...	1	4,000	...	...	1	8	30	350	80	600	600
Uxbridge	6	58	...	1	...	8	1	4,000	...	...	1	16	180	250	150	900	1,000
Uxbridge	14	34	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	42	162	...	...	...
Totals	745	4964	26	74	46	420	39	580,500	21	55,950	42	702	5,927	17,087	6,630	42,360	40,301

STATISTICS OF SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1873.

STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP BAPTISMS					CH. PROPERTY.			SAB. SCHOOLS.			PREACH. SUPPORT.					
	Prob'ners.	Members.	Lo. Prech.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Rent.	Whole Estimate.	Total Receipts.
Springfield, Florence St.	29	164	2	4	2	6	1	\$32,000	1	.....	1	28	298	452	.....	\$2,000	.....
" Union St.	5	193	2	4	.....	4	1	75,000	.....	.....	1	25	220	.....	\$380	2,000	\$2,000
" Trinity Ch.	41	481	9	7	33	1	1	80,000	1	\$15,000	1	54	461	1,000	1,000	3,000	3,000
" Central Ch.	34	161	1	1	11	1	1	.....	1	10,000	1	24	200	800	.....	.....	1,200
East Longmeadow	5	36	2	2	.....	.....	1	4,000	1	2,000	1	8	45	425	125	800	750
Wilbraham	9	186	4	2	2	11	1	45 0 0	1	2,500	3	35	430	666	.....	1,000	800
South Wilbraham	.....	55	1	.....	.....	.....	1	4,300	1	1,800	1	7	55	375	.....	*200	*200
Glendale	11	30	1	.....	.....	.....	1	3,000	.....	.....	1	7	44	500	.....	.....	.....
Ludlow	14	108	4	1	1	1	1	7,500	1	800	1	18	93	688	100	800	800
Chicopee	3	140	2	13	2	2	1	10,200	1	2,000	1	20	165	519	200	1,500	1,500
Chicopee Falls	4	110	1	2	1	1	1	10,000	.....	.....	1	16	108	300	150	800	800
Holyoke	20	191	1	7	9	1	1	20,000	.....	.....	1	27	204	500	200	1,400	1,400
Hadley	6	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	8	26	100	.....	.....	450
So. Hadley Falls	4	60	2	.....	.....	.....	1	7,000	.....	.....	1	10	50	270	150	900	625
Feeding Hills	14	51	2	.....	.....	.....	1	4,000	1	2,500	1	10	60	300	.....	600	600
Southwick	8	63	2	1	2	2	1	2,000	.....	.....	1	14	75	.....	35	600	518
Westfield	25	480	1	7	2	2	1	35,000	1	7,000	1	4	345	560	400	2,000	2,000
" W. Parish	10	49	1	2	.....	.....	1	3,500	1	1,000	1	9	39	200	100	700	800
Russell & Huntington	12	25	1	.....	.....	.....	1	3,700	.....	.....	1	10	68	350	.....	700	610
Blandford	9	95	1	1	1	1	1	4,000	1	1,500	1	13	80	450	80	700	.....
Chester	13	76	2	1	1	.....	1	2,500	1	1,200	1	11	97	375	100	800	800
Worthington	4	54	.....	.....	3	.....	1	5,000	1	1,000	2	25	125	275	75	675	757
Southampton	5	97	1	.....	5	1	1	4,000	.....	.....	1	9	75	300	100	900	850
Easthampton	20	125	1	11	7	7	1	15,000	1	3,500	1	23	155	450	200	1,200	1,200
Northampton	21	171	1	2	2	11	1	11,000	1	7,000	1	29	155	432	.....	2,150	2,150
Florence	4	69	1	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	25	134	396	.....	1,000	1,000
Williamsburg	5	98	1	2	2	.....	1	8,000	1	2,500	1	19	135	200	200	1,100	1,100
Charlemont	5	56	2	.....	3	.....	1	3,000	1	500	1	10	60	300	.....	600	600
Heath	3	53	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2,500	.....	.....	1	8	60	.....	50	625	560
Coleraine	10	181	4	1	5	1	1	4,000	1	1,500	1	20	90	200	100	800	1 0 0
Buckland	.....	43	2	1	.....	.....	1	2,500	1	650	1	12	120	300	100	600	600
Shelburne Falls	9	84	1	.....	.....	.....	1	8,000	.....	.....	1	19	103	250	150	1,050	1,050
Greenfield	7	90	1	2	4	2	1	2,000	1	6,000	1	20	80	488	200	1,200	1,200
Turner's Falls	15	33	2	6	2	2	1	2,000	.....	.....	2	13	140	690	.....	1,450	1,450
Leyden	8	50	.....	.....	1	2	2	4,000	1	800	2	12	100	200	.....	.....	.....
Bernardston	7	60	2	.....	1	.....	1	2,500	1	1,600	1	12	87	348	100	400	370
Gill and Northfield	.....	55	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1,500	1	800	2	10	60	250	.....	.....	.....
South Deerfield	7	81	1	6	3	1	1	4,000	.....	.....	1	14	70	225	150	800	700
Conway	8	73	1	.....	6	1	1	12,000	.....	.....	1	15	100	400	100	1,000	1,000
N. New Salem & Orange	3	29	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	8	62	600	.....	400	400
N. Prescott & Lock's V.	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	1	1,500	1	800	1	8	40	.....	.....	400	275
South Athol	7	47	1	.....	8	1	1	1,000	.....	.....	1	10	65	354	.....	550	582
Dana	17	31	1	.....	7	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	7	30	124	.....	.....	455
Palmer	36	128	5	2	25	1	1	6,000	1	2,200	1	16	75	350	150	900	1,000
Belchertown & Granby	9	133	5	2	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	11	52	400	120	1,000	900
S. Belchertown & Bondy's	13	67	2	.....	1	1	1	300	1	400	1	13	60	250	80	780	780
Pelham	19	106	1	.....	3	1	1	4,000	1	800	1	13	90	300	.....	700	700
Enfield	25	37	1	.....	19	1	1	4,000	1	1,000	1	6	45	350	100	700	700
North Amherst	20	47	1	.....	2	1	1	2,000	.....	.....	1	12	65	250	.....	350	.....
North Blandford	7	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3,000	.....	.....	1	12	50	200	.....	500	500
Totals	570	4907	28	76	203	45	45	465,500	28	78,350	56	805	5652	17,712	4,995	41,980	41,083

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT'NS CHURCH PROPERTY.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				PREACH. SUPPORT.			
	Prob'ers.	Members.	Lo. Preach.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Rent.	Whole Estimate.	Total Receipts.
Boston	902	7,314	65	107	160	374	43	1,090,750	21	\$96,100	57	1244	9,773	24,276	13,588	74,012	73,677
Lynn	1,214	7,977	51	115	197	597	50	869,650	25	102,200	56	1399	10,975	26,441	12,193	70,930	72,946
Worcester ...	745	4,964	26	74	46	420	39	580,500	21	55,950	42	762	5,927	17,086	6,690	42,366	40,301
Springfield ..	570	4,907	28	76	76	203	45	465,500	28	78,350	56	805	5,652	17,712	4,995	41,980	41,083
Totals	3,431	25,162	170	372	479	1,594	177	3,006,400	95	\$32,600	211	4210	32,327	85,515	37,466	229,288	228,007
Last year	3,691	24,708	141	304	411	1,389	171	2,738,900	95	329,550	204	3989	31,272	84,076	36,404	210,997	211,684
Increase .....	.....	454	29	68	68	205	6	267,500	..	3,050	7	221	1,055	1,439	1,062	18,291	16,323
Decrease	260	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* For three months.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

STATISTICS OF LYNN DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1873.

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STATISTICS OF LYNN DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1873—Continued.

STATIONS.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.									
	Preachers' Aid.	Missions.	Woman's For. Miss. Society.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Frdman's Aid Soc.	Education Society.	Am. Bible Society.	Church Aid.
Woburn.....	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	.....	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$12.00	\$4.00	\$40.00
Stoneham.....	60.00	112.94	21.25	\$7.00	6.00	6.00	7.90	10.00	5.50	38.50
Reading.....	5.00	36.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Wakefield.....	10.00	13.00	5.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Malden.....	100.00	640.31	225.00	.....	13.00	14.60	21.33	25.66	7.64	45.75
Maplewood.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Melrose.....	45.40	107.60	108.00	.....	7.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00
Medford.....	60.00	175.25	20.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	3.00	8.00
Winchester.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Saugus.....	25.00	110.18	32.00	4.60	3.10	4.75	11.60	13.85	3.45	6.87
Cliftondale.....	9.13	48.85	1.00	3.00	2.75	2.75	3.00	1.75	2.75	1.00
Salem.....	74.00	70.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.84
“ Wesley Chapel.....	12.00	85.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beverly.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marblehead.....	32.80	134.31	.....	11.41	2.48	1.75	11.66	1.75	3.00	1.75
Peabody.....	25.77	39.22	15.00	.....	1.37	3.96	3.17	6.88	2.13	.....
Waltham.....	54.50	275.50	100.00	48.90	15.50	23.30	26.00	42.70	24.00	102.00
Watertown.....	15.45	89.85	.....	6.84	3.10	4.50	5.64	5.90	.....	4.60
Weston.....	7.60	15.50	.....	2.48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ipswich.....	114.00	270.00	34.26	30.00	8.00	8.00	14.00	14.00	2.50	75.00
Newburyport, Wash. St....	10.00	34.00	.....	3.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00
“ Purchase St.....	6.50	13.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Byfield.....	.....	63.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Gloucester, Elm St.....	53.00	145.00	2.00	.....	4.00	4.50	8.00	33.00	.....	50.00
“ Riverdale.....	9.00	31.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	6.00	.....
Rockport.....	30.00	60.00	35.10	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Bay View.....	2.00	70.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Topsfield.....	.....	47.60	.....	3.00	1.00	.....	.....	2.00	.....	3.00
North Andover.....	15.00	21.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Groveland.....	6.37	17.61	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	1.02	.....	.....
Ballardvale.....	.....	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Lawrence.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tapleville.....	.....	16.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	2,256.09	8,563.93	2,314.50	511.70	162.93	202.35	530.42	588.60	240.37	1,315.34

STATISTICS OF WORCESTER DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1873.

Worcester, Tr. Ch.....	54.85	172.19	36.40	25.00	11.32	13.97	21.20	21.58	17.27	12.00	20.14
“ Laurel St.....	38.00	180.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	20.00	.....	33.00	4.00
“ Grace Ch.....	38.50	81.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.00	.....
“ Webster Sq.....	.....	21.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	7.00	6.00
“ Christ Ch.....	2.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shrewsbury.....	15.00	23.50	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	5.00
New-England Village.....	.....	25.81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Millbury.....	4.11	9.00	.....	.....	1.00	3.00	1.14	1.35	.....	.....	.....
East Douglas.....	4.30	4.33	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.37	3.30
Whitinsville.....	4.50	22.02	.....	.....	3.55	.....	4.82	.....	5.80	.....	.....
Cherry Valley.....	6.00	20.00	2.00	2.00	.....	5.00	.....	5.77	5.00	5.00	.....
Oxford.....	26.50	38.60	2.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	7.10	5.77	5.00	5.00	3.00
Webster.....	63.25	188.73	.....	.....	5.66	5.41	.....	9.22	4.42	51.50	7.13
Dudley.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	.....
Southbridge.....	26.00	115.00	.....	4.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	7.00	7.00	4.00	6.00
Charlton.....	1.00	21.00	1.00	1.00	.50	.50	1.10	.50	.....	.....	.50
Spencer.....	8.00	42.22	.....	.....	3.00	3.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.50
Brookfield.....	11.20	109.42	.....	.....	7.00	.....	3.00	7.00	7.00	.....	7.00
West Brookfield.....	10.68	8.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
North Brookfield.....	1.00	4.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50
Warren.....	2.93	40.00	12.25	2.00	2.93	2.81	3.58	5.00	.....	3.47	4.13
Monson.....	20.00	73.54	20.00	.....	5.00	10.00	3.00	8.00	3.00	5.00	.....
Wales.....	5.00	9.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Athol Depot.....	30.00	75.00	5.00	2.00	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.95	2.36	10.00
South Royalston.....	3.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....
Ware.....	5.00	34.00	1.00	3.00	2.25	2.25	1.00	3.75	7.50	.....	5.50
Barre.....	10.00	25.00	.....	4.45	.....	.....	2.00	9.00	.....	.....	.....
Hubbardston.....	22.70	25.00	10.55	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.50	.....	.....	1.00
East Templeton.....	6.25	20.00	.....	1.00	1.50	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	1.00
Winchendon.....	15.00	50.00	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	3.00	7.15	.....	.....	5.00
Ashburnham.....	17.50	105.00	.....	8.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	7.00	.....	8.00
Fitchburg.....	18.25	99.00	72.47	3.10	5.10	5.10	38.71	3.00	5.10	5.87	12.00
“ Day St.....	6.00	20.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	5.00
Leominster.....	55.50	160.00	24.63	5.50	3.00	3.00	14.50	7.81	2.00	2.00	10.00
Lunenburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Townsend.....	1.75	2.25	1.00	.50	.25	.25	.50	.50	.....	.....	1.00
East Pepperell.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Clinton.....	35.00	120.00	4.00	6.00	2.50	2.50	6.00	15.50	4.50	.....	4.00
Oakdale.....	11.15	19.00	.....	.....	2.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00	6.00
Princeton.....	5.00	23.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Gardner.....	5.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00
Ayer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	589.92	2,045.11	200.32	109.55	84.06	85.93	129.65	159.13	84.04	191.57	152.70

STATISTICS OF SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT, NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1873.

STATIONS.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										
	Preachers' Aid.	Missions.	Woman's For. Miss. Society.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Frdman's Aid Soc.	Education Society.	Am. Bible Society.	Church Aid.	Bishops.
Springfield, Florence St.	\$75.00	\$300.00	\$60.83	\$18.15	\$10.50	\$9.00	\$16.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$21.00	\$18.00
" Union "	34.25	97.69				1.00		1.00			
" Trinity Ch.	83.46	700.80		25.65	13.29	13.29	11.90	33.10	19.18	35.10	25.00
" Central Ch.	65.00	84.90			6.00	6.00		17.00	6.00		14.00
East Longmeadow	4.00	12.50		1.00				1.00			
Wilbraham	56.47	365.59	15.00	10.00	1.00	2.00	10.75	22.00	10.11	5.00	12.50
South Wilbraham	5.12	8.13									4.75
Glendale											
Ludlow	25.70	46.40		3.22	3.50			2.00		9.30	6.14
Chicopee	33.00	120.00	66.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	3.50	18.00	1.00	25.00	5.00
Chicopee Falls	12.50	51.50						7.50		4.45	
Holyoke	55.00	100.50	15.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	15.00	10.00	36.50	18.75	6.50
Hadley	2.50									1.00	
South Hadley Falls	6.50	13.50			1.00	1.00	1.00	3.20	1.00	3.00	
Feeding Hills	9.00	35.00		1.00	.25	3.50		2.00			5.00
Southwick		4.00								6.75	
Westfield	102.78	468.65	100.00	15.00	5.00	12.40	16.25	25.30	10.52	2.88	10.55
" West Parish	11.50	54.30								11.30	5.00
Russell & Huntington	1.25	3.75									4.00
Blandford	10.60	25.00			1.00						3.00
Chester	6.00	40.00	1.00		3.00	2.00	1.00	5.00		7.00	5.00
Worthington	3.25	3.50			1.00						
Southampton	10.00	53.00			2.00	2.20	2.00	3.50	2.00	5.50	8.00
Easthampton	20.00	61.20	7.00	1.50	2.10	1.50		5.00		5.00	5.00
Northampton	60.41	135.50			5.41	4.71		9.81	4.75		9.37
Florence	7.25	5.91									
Williamsburg	20.00	100.00		15.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	7.00		12.25	10.00
Charlemont	7.00	7.00								6.35	
Heath	3.53	5.00									
Coleraine	10.16	40.40	17.00		2.53	2.38	3.00	4.16		20.00	3.57
Buckland	7.35	12.50				1.00	7.61			3.75	
Shelburne Falls	11.70	27.20		1.50	1.50	1.00	1.00			13.00	
Greenfield	2.81	21.00						3.41		8.00	5.30
Turner's Falls	5.00	5.00			2.00	2.00					
Leyden	1.00	20.00								5.70	
Bernardston	5.00	10.00						2.00			1.00
Gill and Northfield											
South Deerfield	2.00	5.00									
Conway	20.00	50.00			2.00						7.00
N. New Salem & Orange	6.00	6.65									
N. Prescott & Lock's Vil.	6.00	7.00									
South Athol	7.00	9.50		2.75	1.75	2.25	2.50	2.85	1.50	3.00	3.50
Dana	2.00	4.00									3.00
Palmer	36.60	42.80					10.10				6.75
Belchertown and Granby	4.00	31.00								3.00	5.00
S. Belchert'n & Bondville	7.30	7.00	1.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	2.00	3.00		3.00	2.00
Pelham	4.85	22.00					1.00	1.00		6.00	1.40
Enfield	3.00	10.00									
North Amherst	3.00	3.00									
North Blandford											
Totals	874.24	3,237.37	282.83	109.77	82.33	86.23	109.61	198.73	117.56	531.13	195.33

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

DISTRICTS.	Preachers' Aid.	Missions.	Woman's For. Miss. Society.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Frdman's Aid Soc.	Education Society.	Am. Bible Society.	Church Aid.	Bishops.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Boston	2,349.08	10,452.28	1,068.67	431.46	214.94	209.36	430.05	405.81	235.90	1,514.98	366.44
Lynn	2,256.09	8,563.93	2,314.90	511.70	162.93	202.35	530.42	588.60	240.37	1,315.36	330.43
Worcester	589.92	2,045.11	200.32	109.55	84.06	85.93	129.65	159.13	84.04	191.57	152.70
Springfield	874.24	3,237.37	282.83	109.77	82.33	86.23	109.61	198.73	117.56	531.13	195.33
Totals	6,069.33	24,298.69	3,868.72	1,162.48	544.26	583.87	1,199.73	1,352.27	677.87	3,553.04	1,044.90
Last year	5,852.85	21,907.14	2,897.31	7,566.52	533.84	604.42	2,339.81	1,360.54	845.78	7,436.10	
Increase	216.48	2,391.55	971.41		10.42						
Decrease				6,404.04		20.55	1,140.08	8.27	167.91	3,883.06	

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

BOSTON DISTRICT.

W. R. CLARK, *Presiding Elder.* (P.O., Auburndale.)

Boston, Bromfield Street.....	V. M. Simons.
“ Church Street.....	J. Scott.
“ First Church, Temple St....	J. W. Hamilton.
“ Tremont Street.....	To be supplied.
“ Meridian Street.....	M. E. Wright.
“ Saratoga Street.....	G. Whitaker.
“ Winthrop Street.....	G. S. Chadbourne.
“ Highlands.....	H. Lummis.
“ Broadway.....	W. F. Mallalieu.
“ Dorchester Street.....	J. C. Smith.
“ City Mission.....	G. P. Wilson.
“ Mariners' Church.....	G. S. Noyes.
“ Dorchester.....	C. S. Rogers.
“ Neponset.....	Supplied by H. A. Merrill, <i>W. Merrill.</i>
“ Revere Street.....	To be supplied.
“ Hanover-street Mission.....	J. A. Ames.
“ Washington Village.....	Supplied by J. W. Butler.
“ Egleston Square.....	To be supplied.
“ Washington Street.....	W. G. Leonard.
“ Windsor Street.....	To be supplied.
Brookline	E. D. Winslow.
Allston.....	J. P. Otis.
Chelsea, Walnut Street.....	E. A. Titus.
“ Mount Bellingham.....	L. B. Bates.
“ Park Street.....	G. Sutherland.
Everett	E. W. Virgin.
Winthrop	D. K. Merrill.
Jamaica Plain	S. C. Carey.
Roslindale.....	W. E. Huntington.
Hyde Park.....	G. W. Mansfield.
Quincy Point.....	To be supplied.
Dedham.....	Z. A. Mudge.
South Walpole	G. R. Bent.
Newton.....	A. A. Wright.
“ Upper Falls.....	W. B. Toulmin.
“ Lower Falls.....	A. Baylies.
Newtonville.....	F. Woods.
Auburndale.....	D. Steele.
Highlandville.....	S. H. Noon.
Natick.....	E. S. Best.
Ashland.....	L. Crowell.
Cochituate.....	M. H. A. Evans.
Saxonville.....	W. A. Brame.
Holliston.....	F. Furber.

Hopkinton.....	C. H. Hanaford.
Millford.....	R. H. Howard.
West Medway.....	J. R. Cushing.
Franklin.....	E. P. King.
South Framingham.....	To be supplied.
Mendon.....	" "
Westborough.....	B. Judd.
Marlborough.....	W. D. Bridge.
Rock Bottom.....	J. L. Locke.
Hudson.....	P. M. Vinton.
Sudbury.....	W. Wilkie.
Maynard.....	J. S. Day.

J. Cummings, President Wesleyan University; member Bromfield-street Quarterly Conference.

W. F. Warren, Professor in Boston Theological School; member Tremont-street Quarterly Conference.

C. W. Cushing, Principal Lasalle Seminary; member Auburndale Quarterly Conference.

W. Butler, Missionary to Mexico; member First-Church Quarterly Conference.

B. K. Peirce, Editor "Zion's Herald;" member Newton Quarterly Conference.

E. A. Manning, Assistant Editor "Zion's Herald;" member Hyde Park Quarterly Conference.

L. T. Townsend, Professor in Boston Theological Seminary; member Bromfield-street Quarterly Conference.

M. Dwight, Agent Massachusetts Bible Society; member Walnut-street Quarterly Conference.

G. Prentice, Professor in Wesleyan University; member Bromfield-street Quarterly Conference.

J. Porter, Secretary American Temperance Union.

J. W. Dadmun, Chaplain City Institutions at Deer Island; member Winthrop Quarterly Conference.

W. O. Holway, Chaplain in United States Navy at Charlestown.

LYNN DISTRICT.

D. SHERMAN, *Presiding Elder.* (P. O., Malden.)

Lynn, Common Street.....	S. F. Upham, <i>F. H. Newhall.</i>
" St. Paul's.....	D. C. Knowles.
" South Street.....	W. H. Hatch.
" Maple Street.....	A. Gould.
" Boston Street.....	A. Canoll.
" Tower Hill.....	A. Sanderson.
Swampscott.....	S. Roy.

Charlestown, Trinity.....	M. Trafton.
“ Union.....	C. L. Eastman.
Somerville.....	W. C. High.
West Somerville.....	J. Hascall, <i>A. E. Winship.</i>
East Somerville.....	J. Benson Hamilton.
Cambridge, Trinity.....	W. P. Ray.
“ Harvard Street.....	A. McKeown.
“ North Avenue.....	J. A. Lansing.
“ Cottage Street.....	I. F. Row.
Lowell, St. Paul's.....	T. B. Smith.
“ Worthen Street.....	D. H. Ela.
“ Central Church	D. Dorchester.
Graniteville.....	N. B. Fisk.
West Chelmsford.....	Supplied by J. W. Walker.
Woburn.....	W. J. Hambleton.
Stoneham.....	George L. Collyer.
Reading.....	J. N. Short.
Wakefield.....	C. L. McCurdy.
Malden.....	J. J. Jones.
Maplewood.....	R. W. Copeland.
Melrose.....	A. W. Mills.
Medford.....	F. J. Wagner.
Winchester.....	To be supplied.
East Saugus,	M. B. Chapman.
Cliftondale	R. W. Allen.
Salem	J. S. Whedon.
“ Wesley Chapel.....	J. Gill.
Beverly.....	S. Jackson.
Marblehead	L. Fish.
Peabody.....	F. T. George.
Waltham	J. Wagner.
Watertown.....	F. G. Morris.
Weston.....	Supplied by W. H. Meredith.
Ipswich.....	“ “ E. A. Smith.
Newburyport, Washington Street....	J. F. Mears.
“ Purchase Street	B. J. Johnston.
Byfield	Chas. T. Johnson.
Gloucester, Elm Street	N. T. Whitaker.
“ Riverdale.....	J. Capen.
Rockport	C. A. Merrill.
Bayview.....	A. J. Hall.
Topsfield	S. A. Fuller.
North Andover	J. W. Lewis.
Groveland	Henry Matthews.
Ballardvale	Supplied by W. J. Parkinson.
South Lawrence	G. Beekman.
Tapleyville	E. Hodge.
Arlington	J. H. Owens.
Carlisle	A. Dight.

J. W. Lindsay, Professor in Boston Theological Seminary, and member of Boston-street Quarterly Conference.

WORCESTER DISTRICT.

N. FELLOWS, *Presiding Elder*. (P. O., Worcester.)

Worcester, Trinity	I. G. Bidwell.
“ Laurel Street	H. D. Weston.
“ Grace Church	C. D. Hills.
“ Webster Square	R. C. Parsons.
“ Union Hill	E. S. Chase.
Shrewsbury	A. Caldwell.
New-England Village	Supplied by G. W. Bent.
Millbury	W. Pentecost.
East Douglas	W. M. Hubbard.
Whitinsville	E. A. Howard.
Leicester	To be supplied.
Cherry Valley	N. Bemis.
Oxford	I. B. Bigelow.
Webster	W. J. Pomfret.
Dudley	F. M. Miller.
Southbridge	W. A. Nottage.
Charlton	J. J. Woodbury.
Spencer	A. O. Hamilton.
Brookfield	D. Wait.
West Brookfield	H. R. Parmenter.
North Brookfield	W. A. Cheney.
Warren	W. R. Tisdale.
Monson	W. Silverthorn.
Wales	J. F. Bassett.
Athol Depot	J. Peterson.
South Royalston	To be supplied.
Ware	W. M. Ayers.
Hardwick	To be supplied.
Barre	J. W. Mowry.
Hubbardston	T. B. Treadwell.
East Templeton	J. W. Fenn.
Winchendon	G. F. Eaton.
Ashburnham	A. F. Herrick.
Fitchburg	W. W. Colburn.
“ Day Street	G. W. H. Clark.
Leominster	Jos. H. Mansfield.
Lunenburg	R. W. Harlow.
Townsend	A. P. Adams.
East Pepperell	A. W. Baird.
Clinton	A. C. Godfrey.
Oakdale	W. P. Blackmer.
Princeton	J. Noon.
Gardner	D. Atkins.
Ayer	Eratus Burlingham.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

L. R. THAYER, *Presiding Elder*. (P. O., Springfield.)

Springfield, Florence Street.....	F. K. Stratton.
“ State Street.....	R. R. Meredith.
“ Trinity Church.....	Supplied by M. Hurlburd.
“ Central Church.....	John A. Cass.
East Longmeadow.....	W. Wignall.
Wilbraham and Glendale.....	T. W. Bishop.
South Wilbraham.....	G. Hewes.
Jenksville.....	J. A. DeForest.
Ludlow.....	A. Noon.
Chicopee.....	P. Wood.
Chicopee Falls.....	F. Nichols.
Holyoke.....	W. N. Richardson.
Hadley.....	I. Marcy.
South Hadley Falls.....	W. S. Jagger.
Feeding Hills.....	N. J. Merrill.
Westfield.....	J. S. Barrows.
Westfield West Parish and Southwick.....	W. Gordon, one to be supplied.
Russell and Huntington.....	Chas. H. Kinney.
Blandford.....	<i>Raymond F. Holway.</i>
North Blandford.....	Ivins Messler.
Chester.....	L. A. Bosworth.
South Worthington.....	J. W. Cole.
Montgomery.....	To be supplied.
South Hampton.....	J. Candlin.
East Hampton.....	S. O. Dyer.
Northampton.....	D. Richards.
Florence.....	W. H. Cook.
Williamsburg.....	E. R. Thorndike.
Charlemont.....	To be supplied.
Heath.....	A. M. Osgood.
Rowe.....	Supplied by E. Day.
Coleraine.....	N. H. Martin.
Shelburne Falls and Buckland.....	J. M. Avann.
Greenfield.....	T. J. Abbott.
Turner's Falls and Miller's Falls.....	L. P. Frost.
Leyden.....	T. Marcy.
Bernardston.....	J. Cadwell.
Gill.....	R. Mitchell.
South Deerfield.....	N. M. D. Granger.
Conway.....	A. C. Manson.
North New Salem and Orange.....	C. E. Seaver.
North Prescott and Lock's Village.....	W. E. Dwight.
South Athol.....	J. A. Day.
Dana and North Dana.....	N. A. Soule.
Palmer.....	O. W. Adams.
Belchertown and Granby.....	S. McLaughlin.
South Belchertown and Bondville.....	Geo. E. Chapman.
Pelham.....	W. H. Adams.
Enfield.....	N. F. Stevens.
North Amherst.....	Supplied by D. K. Banister.

E. Cooke, Principal Wilbraham Academy; member Wilbraham Quarterly Conference.

L. White, Principal New Salem Academy; member North Prescott Quarterly Conference.

H. Brownson, District Superintendent of American Bible Society for Eastern New York; member Trinity Quarterly Conference.

J. E. Round, President Baltimore Centenary Theological Seminary member South Wilbraham Quarterly Conference.

W. Rice, Chaplain Hampden County House of Correction; member State-Street Quarterly Conference.

S. B. Sweetser transferred to the New-Hampshire Conference.

J. W. Jackson transferred to the Philadelphia Conference.

J. Williams transferred to the Lexington Conference.

S. F. Jones transferred to the Maine Conference.

J. O. Knowles transferred to the East-Maine Conference.

J. Mudge transferred to the India Conference.

J. O. Peck transferred to the Rock River Conference.

J. H. Twombly transferred to the West-Wisconsin Conference.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE

MEMBERS OF THE NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE, FOR 1872-73, WITH
THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

The figures in the first column indicate the time of joining Conference. The letters designate the present relation,—D. *Deacon*, E. *Elder*, S't, *Superannuate*, S'y, *Super-numerary*.

The figures in the last column indicate whether it is the first, second, or third year of appointment.

1861.	Adams, O. W.	E	Palmer	2
1864.	Adams, W. H.	E	Pelham	1
1858.	Abbott, Thomas J.	E	Greenfield	1
1833.	Allen, Ralph W.	E	Cliftondale	2
1856.	Ames, Jarvis A.	E	Boston	2
1852.	Atkies, Daniel	E	Gardiner	1
1843.	Atkinson, Kinsman	E	Cambridge	S't.
1870.	Avann, Joseph M.	E	Shelburne Falls	1
1863.	Ayers, Watson M.	E	Ware	3
1856.	Bailey, Jonas M.	E	Woburn	S'y.
1834.	Banister, Daniel K.	E	Ludlow	S't.
1864.	Barney, Miles R.	E		S'y.
1855.	Barrows, Justin S.	E	Westfield	2
1866.	Bassett, John F.	E	Wales	2
1851.	Bates, Lewis B.	E	Chelsea	2
1858.	Baylies, Andrew	E	Newton Lower Falls	1
1870.	Beekman, Garrett	E	South Lawrence	1
1843.	Bemis, Nathaniel	E	Cherry Valley	1
1855.	Bent, Gilbert R.	E	South Walpole	3
1851.	Best, Edward S.	E	Natick	2
1848.	Bidwell, I. G.	E	Worcester	2
1842.	Bigelow, Increase B.	E	Oxford	1
1826.	Binney, Amos	E	New Haven, Conn.	S'y.
1868.	Bishop, T. W.	E	Wilbraham	1
1856.	Blackmer, Wm. P.	E	Oakdale	2
1861.	Bosworth, Lorenzo A.	E	Chester	2
1869.	Booth, Houghton S.	E	Groveland	S't.
1836.	Boyden, Luman	E	Chelsea	S'y.
1844.	Braman, Wm. A.	E	Saxtonville	1
1830.	Brown, Thomas G.	E	East Hampton, Conn.	S't.
1826.	Brownson, Hector	E	Rhinebeck, N.Y.	30
1864.	Brumagim, D. M.	E	Wilbraham	S'y.
1844.	Butler, William	E	City of Mexico	1
1863.	Bridge, Wm. D.	E	Marlboro'	1
1836.	Cadwell, John	E	Bernardston	1
1864.	Caldwell, A.	E	Shrewsbury	1
1855.	Capen, John	E	Gloucester, "Riverdale"	1
1869.	Candlin, Joseph	E	Southampton	2
1867.	Canoll, A.	E	Lynn	1
1870.	Carey, Seth C.	E	Jamaica Plain	1
1858.	Chadbourne, George S.	E	Boston Highlands	1
1868.	Chapman, M. B.	E	East Saugus	2
1830.	Chapman, Geo. E.	E	South Belchertown	1
1863.	Chase, E. S.	E	Worcester	2
1871.	Cheney, W. A.	D	North Brookfield	2
1837.	Clapp, Wm. A.	E	East Foxboro'	S't.
1848.	Clark, Jonas M.	E	Northampton	S'y.
1844.	Clark, Wm. R.	E	Auburndale (P.E.)	4
1841.	Clark, G. W. H.	E	Fitchburg	3
1860.	Colburn, W. W.	E	Fitchburg	1
1865.	Cole, J. Wesley	E	South Worthington	1
1842.	Cook, Albert A.	E	Milford	S't.
1843.	Cooke, Edward	E	Wilbraham	9
1855.	Coolidge, John W.	E	So. Antrim, N.H.	S'y.

1830.	Cox, Gershom F.	E	Salem	S't.
1820.	Craudall, Phineas	E	Moosup, Conn	S't.
1844.	Crowell, Loranus	E	Ashland	1
1846.	Cummings, Joseph	E	Middletown	14
1854.	Cushing, C. Wesley	E	Auburndale	0
1832.	Cushing, Samuel A.	E	Somerville	S't.
1833.	Cushing, Stephen	E	Boston	5
1870.	Cushing, J. R.	E	West Medway	1
1842.	Dadmun, John W.	E	Winthrop	S'y.
1843.	Day, John S.	E	Maynard	2
1867.	DeForest, J. A.	E	Jenksville	1
1847.	Dorchester, Daniel	E	Lowell	2
1838.	Dunham, Howard C.	E	Winthrop	S't.
1831.	Dwight, Mosely	E	Chelsea	S't.
1871.	Dyer, S. O.	E	Easthampton	1
1844.	Eastman, Cyrus L.	E	Charlestown	2
1860.	Eaton, Geo. F.	E	Winchendon	3
1858.	Ela, D. H.	E	Lowell	1
1849.	Estey, Jonathan L.	E	Cambridge	S'y.
1870.	Eyans, M. H. A.	E	Cochituate	1
1859.	Fellows, Nathaniel	E	Worcester (P. E.)	1
1871.	Fenn, J. W.	D	East Templeton	1
1852.	Fish, Linus	E	Marblehead	1
1836.	Fisk, Franklin	E	Wilbraham	S't.
1871.	Fisk, N. B.	D	Graniteville	1
1855.	Fuller, Samuel A.	E	Topsfield	2
1842.	Furber, Franklin	E	Holliston	1
1835.	George, Nathan D.	E	Oakdale	S'y.
1860.	George, Frederic T.	E	Peabody	1
1859.	Gill, Joshua	E	Salem	2
1833.	Godfrey, A. C.	E	Clinton	1
1834.	Gordon, William	E	Westfield, W. Parish	1
1858.	Gould, Albert	E	Lynn	2
1862.	Granger, N. M. D.	E	South Deerfield	1
1867.	Hall, Allen J.	E	Lanesville	1
1842.	Hall, Henry P.	E	Boston	S't.
1855.	Hall, Linville J.	E	East Boston	S'y.
1856.	Hambleton, Wm. J.	E	Woburn	2
1857.	Hamilton, Albinus O.	E	Spencer	1
1866.	Hamilton, John W.	E	Boston	1
1859.	Hanaford, Chas. H.	E	Hopkinton	1
1845.	Hanaford, Jeremiah L.	E	Ipswich	S'y.
1859.	Harlow, R. W.	E	Lunenburg	1
1830.	Hascall, Jefferson	E	Medford	2
1894.	Hatch, Wm. H.	E	Lynn	2
1853.	Herrick, Austin F.	E	Ashburnham	2
1860.	Hewes, Geo.	E	South Wilbraham	1
1851.	High, Wm. C.	E	Somerville	1
1865.	Hills, Charles D.	E	Worcester	1
1862.	Holway Wesley O.	E	Chelsea	2
1863.	Howard, R. H.	E	Milford	2
1869.	Howard, Emory A.	E	Whitinsville	2
1860.	Hubbard, W. M.	E	East Douglas	1
1867.	Huntington, W. E.	E	Roslindale	1
1841.	Ingalls, John C.	E	Melrose	S'y.
1859.	Jackson, Samuel	E	Beverly	2
1871.	Jagger, Wm. S.	D	South Hadley Falls	1
1818.	Jennison, Isaac	E	Natick	S't.
1863.	Johnson, Chas. T.	E	Byfield	1
1869.	Johnston, Benj. J.	E	Newburyport	1
1863.	Jones, J. J.	E	Malden	3
1850.	Judd, Burtis	E	Westboro'	2
1822.	Kelley, Samuel	E	Quincy	S'y.
1871.	King, Edward P.	D	Franklin	2
1850.	King, John D.	E	Vineyard Grove	S'y.
1864.	Knowles, Daniel C.	E	Lynn	2
1847.	Lacount, Wm. F.	E	Boston, 137½ Haverhill St.	S't.
1865.	Lansing, John A.	E	Cambridge	1
1854.	Lee, John W.	E	Boston, 38 Bromfield St.	S'y.
1860.	Leonard, Wm. G.	E	Boston	2
1835.	Lewis, Joseph W.	E	North Andover	1
1843.	Lindsay, John W.	E	Boston, 38 Bromfield St.	5
1863.	Locke, J. L.	E	Rockbottom	1
1869.	Lord, John H.	E	Chester	S'y.
1878.	Lummis, Henry	E	Boston Highlands	2
1870.	McLaughlin, Samuel	E	Belchertown	2
1852.	McKeown, Andrew	E	Cambridgeport	2

1858.	Mallalieu, Willard F.	E	South Boston.	2
1843.	Manning, Edward A.	E	Hyde Park	1
1858.	Mansfield, Geo. W.	E	Hyde Park, or Zion's Her. office, B'st'n.	1
1856.	Mansfield, John H.	E	Ashland.	S'y.
1866.	Mansfield, Jos. H.	E	Leominster.	2
1845.	Manson, A. C.	E	Conway.	2
1841.	Marcy, Ichabod.	E	Hadley.	1
1835.	Marcy, Thomas.	E	Leyden.	2
1804.	Mars, John N.	E	Athol.	S't.
1855.	Martin, Nathaniel H.	E	Coleraine.	1
1834.	McCurdy, Converse L.	E	Wakefield.	2
1843.	McDonald Wm.	E	Auburndale.	S'y.
1870.	Mears, Jas. F.	D	Newburyport.	2
1873.	Meredith R. R.	E	Springfield.	1
1822.	Merrill, Abraham D.	E	Upham's Corner, Dorchester.	S't.
1855.	Merrill, Charles A.	E	Rockport.	3
1842.	Merrill, David K.	E	Winthrop.	1
1842.	Merrill, John M.	E	Corry, Penn.	S't.
1838.	Merrill, John W.	E	Concord (N.H.)	S'y.
1843.	Merrill, Nathaniel J.	E	Feeding Hills.	2
1859.	Merrill, William.	E	Fitz William, N.H.	1
1868.	Mills, A. W.	E	Melrose.	1
1839.	Mitchell, Randall.	E	Gill.	1
1865.	Morris, Franklin G.	E	Watertown.	1
1828.	Moulton, Horace	E	Stafford Springs, Conn.	S't.
1830.	Mowry, James W.	E	Barre.	3
1840.	Mudge, Zachariah A.	E	East Dedham	1
1851.	Newhall, Fales H.	E	Lynn.	3
1870.	Nichols, Fayette.	E	Chicopee Falls.	2
1830.	Noble, Charles	E	Wilbraham.	S'y.
1855.	Noon, John	E	Princeton.	2
1869.	Noon, Alfred.	E	Ludlow.	1
1869.	Noon, Samuel H.	E	Highlandville.	3
1866.	Nottage, Wm. A.	E	Southbridge.	1
1863.	Noyes, Geo. S.	E	Boston.	8
1839.	Osgood, Abraham M.	E	Heath.	1
1814.	Otheman, Bartholomew.	E	Duxbury.	S'y.
1835.	Otheman, Edward.	E	Chelsea.	S'y.
1859.	Owens, Joseph H.	E	Arlington.	2
1848.	Parmenter, Henry R.	E	West Brookfield.	2
1868.	Parsons, R. C.	E	Worcester.	2
1848.	Pentecost, William.	E	Millbury.	1
1859.	Peterson, John.	E	Athol Depot.	2
1842.	Peirce, Bradford K.	E	Boston, 36 Bromfield St.	2
1856.	Pomfret, Wm. J.	E	Webster.	1
1830.	Porter, James	E	Brooklyn, N.Y.	5
1857.	Prentice, George.	E	Middletown, Conn.	2
1869.	Ray, William P.	E	East Cambridge.	2
1841.	Rice, William	E	Springfield.	S'y.
1842.	Richards, Daniel	E	Northampton	1
1859.	Richardson, Wollen N.	E	Holyoke.	1
1859.	Rogers, Charles S.	E	Milton.	2
1859.	Round, J. Emory.	E	Baltimore, Md.	1
1858.	Roy, Samuel.	E	Swampscott.	1
1863.	Sanderson, Alonzo	E	Lynn.	1
1822.	Sargeant, Aaron D.	E	Malden.	S'y.
1865.	Sawyer, Wesley C.	E	Auburndale.	S'y.
1830.	Scott, Ephraim.	E	Heath	S't.
1859.	Scott, Joseph.	E	Boston	3
1843.	Sherman, David.	E	Malden (P. E.).	4
1870.	Short, John N.	E	Reading.	3
1851.	Silverthorn, Wm.	E	Monson	1
1842.	Smith, Charles N.	E	Malden.	S'y.
1848.	Smith, John C.	E	South Boston	1
1867.	Smith, T. Berton	E	Lowell.	2
1872.	Smith E. A.	E	Ipswich.	1
1839.	Smith, Willard	E	Newtonville.	S'y.
1863.	Snow, Edwin S.	E	El Dorado, Kan.	S'y.
1843.	Soule, Nathan A.	E	North Dana.	1
1822.	Spaulding, Newell S.	E	Bible House, New York	S't.
1849.	Steele, Daniel.	E	Auburndale.	1
1861.	Stevens, Nath'l F.	E	Enfield.	1
1825.	Stone, Wm. R.	E	Cambridgeport.	S't.
1860.	Stratton, Frank K.	E	Springfield.	1
1825.	Sutherland, George	E	Chelsea	2
1841.	Thayer, Lorenzo R.	E	Springfield (P.E.)	4
1867.	Thorndike, E. R.	E	Williamsburg.	1

1845.	Tisdale, Wm. R.	E	Warren	1
1859.	Titus, Edward A.	E	Chelsea	3
1859.	Toulmin, Wm. B.	E	Newton Upper Falls	2
1862.	Townsend, Luther T.	E	Boston	6
1831.	Trafton, Mark	E	Charlestown	2
1853.	Treadwell, Thos. B.	E	Hubbardston	2
1856.	Upham, Samuel F.	E	Lynn	1
1859.	Vinton, Porter M.	E	Hudson	3
1863.	Vinton, Charles H.	E	Collins' Depot	S't.
1860.	Virgin, Edward W.	E	Everett	2
1862.	Wagner, Jesse	E	Waltham	2
1863.	Wagner, Frank J.	E	Medford	2
1854.	Wait, Daniel	E	Brookfield	2
1858.	Warren, William F.	E	Boston	7
1833.	Webster, Moses P.	E	Ashburnham	S't.
1867.	Weston, Hiram D.	E	Worcester	2
1869.	Whedon, J. Swinburne	E	Salem	2
1861.	Whitaker, George	E	East Boston	1
1867.	Whitaker, N. T.	E	Gloucester	2
1851.	White, Lorenzo	E	New Salem	5
1871.	Wignall, William	D	East Longmeadow	2
1867.	Wilkie, Walter	E	Sudbury	3
1860.	Winslow, Ezra D.	E	Auburndale	1
1845.	Wood, Pliny	E	Chicopee	1
1859.	Woods, Frederic	E	Newtonville	2
1870.	Woodbury, J. J.	E	Charlton	1
1856.	Wright, M. Emory	E	East Boston	1
1865.	Wright, A. A.	E	Newton	1

PROBATIONERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

1870.	Benjamin Gill	E	Wilbraham	1
1872.	Volney M. Simons	E	Boston	3
"	John P. Otis		Allston	2
"	Andrew W. Baird		East Pepperell	2
"	Isaac F. Row	D	Cambridge	2
"	Elias Hodge	D	Tapleyville	2
"	George P. Wilson	E	South Boston	2
"	Charles E. Seaver	D	New Salem	1
"	Jay B. Hamilton	D	East Somerville	2
"	Leonard P. Frost	D	Montague	2
"	William H. Cook	D	Florence	1
1873.	Ivins Mesler	D	North Blandford	1
"	John A. Cass		Springfield	1
"	Charles H. Kinney	D	Russell	1
"	J. Alphonso Day	D	South Athol	1
"	W. E. Dwight	D	North Prescott	1
"	Raymond F. Holway		Blandford	1
"	Eratus Burlingham		Ayer	1
"	George L. Collyer		Stoneham	1
"	Alex. Dight		Carlisle	1
"	Frederic M. Miller	E	Dudley	1
"	Richard W. Copeland	D	Maplewood	1
"	Albert E. Winship		West Somerville	1
"	Henry Mathews	E	Groveland	1
"	Arthur P. Adams	D	Townsend	1

SESSIONS OF THE NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

PLACE.	TIME.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SECRETARY.
Lynn,	July 18, 1800,	Asbury and Whatcoat,	R. Williston.
Lynn,	July 17, 1801,	Whatcoat,	R. Williston.
Monmouth, Me.,	July 1, 1802,	Asbury and Whatcoat,	Joshua Taylor.
Boston,	June 8, 1803,	Asbury and Whatcoat,	Joshua Taylor.
Buxton, Me.,	July 14, 1804,	Asbury,	Reuben Hubbard.
Lynn,	July 12, 1805,	Asbury,	Joshua Taylor.
Canaan, N.H.,	June 12, 1806,	Asbury,	Thos. Branch.
Boston,	June 2, 1807,	Asbury,	Thos. Branch.
New London, Ct.,	April 18, 1808,	Asbury,	Thos. Branch.
Monmouth, Me.,	June 15, 1809,	Asbury and McKendree,	Thos. Branch.
Winchester, N.H.,	June 6, 1810,	Asbury and McKendree,	Thos. Branch.
Barnard, Vt.,	June 20, 1811,	Asbury and McKendree,	Zach. Gibson.
Lynn,	June 20, 1812,	Asbury and McKendree,	Zach. Gibson.
Salem, Conn.,	June 21, 1813,	Asbury and McKendree,	Daniel Fillmore.
Durham, Me.,	June 2, 1814,	McKendree,	Daniel Fillmore.
Unity, N.H.,	June 1, 1815,	Asbury,	Martin Ruter.
Bristol, R.I.,	June 22, 1816,	McKendree and Roberts,	Martin Ruter.
Concord, N.H.,	May 16, 1817,	McKendree and George,	D. Fillmore.
Hallowell, Me.,	June 4, 1818,	George,	D. Fillmore.
Lynn,	June 2, 1819,	Roberts,	D. Fillmore.
Nantucket,	June 21, 1820,	George,	Timothy Merritt.
Barre,	June 20, 1821,	George,	D. Fillmore.
Bath, Me.,	June 29, 1822,	Roberts,	D. Fillmore.
Providence, R.I.,	June 12, 1823,	George,	D. Fillmore.
Barnard, Vt.,	June 22, 1824,	Hedding,	D. Fillmore.
Cambridge,	June 8, 1825,	George,	D. Fillmore.
Wilbraham,	June 7, 1826,	George,	D. Fillmore.
Lisbon, N.H.,	June 6, 1827,	Hedding,	D. Fillmore.
Lynn,	July 23, 1828,	Hedding,	D. Fillmore.
Portsmouth, N.H.,	June 10, 1829,	Hedding,	D. Fillmore.
New Bedford,	May 20, 1830,	Hedding,	D. Fillmore.
Springfield,	May 18, 1831,	Soule and Hedding,	D. Fillmore.
Providence, R.I.,	June 27, 1832,	Roberts,	D. Fillmore.
Boston,	June 5, 1833,	Hedding,	D. Fillmore.
Webster,	June 4, 1834,	Hedding,	D. Fillmore.
Lynn,	June 3, 1835,	Hedding and Emory,	D. Fillmore.
Springfield,	July 13, 1836,	Hedding,	D. Fillmore.
Nantucket,	June 27, 1837,	Waugh and Hedding,	D. Fillmore.
Boston,	June 6, 1838,	Hedding,	P. Crandall.
Lynn,	June 5, 1839,	Waugh,	P. Crandall.
Lowell,	July 1, 1840,	Soule and Hedding,	P. Crandall.
Worcester,	June 30, 1841,	Hedding,	W. Smith.
Springfield,	June 29, 1842,	Waugh,	C. Adams.
Boston,	June 28, 1843,	Hedding and Morris,	C. Adams.
Westfield,	July 24, 1844,	Janes and Hedding,	C. Adams.
Lowell,	June 25, 1845,	Waugh,	C. Adams.
Boston,	April 29, 1846,	Waugh,	C. Adams.
Lynn,	April 28, 1847,	Hedding,	C. Adams.
Worcester,	April 5, 1848,	Waugh,	C. Adams.
Springfield,	April 25, 1849,	Hamline,	C. Adams.
Boston,	April 24, 1850,	Morris,	C. Adams.
Newburyport,	April 23, 1851,	Janes,	C. Adams.
Chicopee,	April 14, 1852,	Morris,	C. Adams.
Ipswich,	April 27, 1853,	Janes,	W. R. Bagnall.
Westfield,	April 19, 1854,	Baker,	W. R. Bagnall.
Chelsea,	April 11, 1855,	Simpson,	W. R. Bagnall.
Salem,	April 2, 1856,	Janes,	W. R. Bagnall.
Lowell,	April 8, 1857,	Baker,	W. R. Bagnall.
Worcester,	April 7, 1858,	Scott,	W. R. Bagnall.
Lynn,	April 6, 1859,	Ames,	W. R. Bagnall.
Springfield,	April 4, 1860,	Janes,	E. A. Manning.
Boston,	April 3, 1861,	Baker,	E. A. Manning.
Westfield,	April 2, 1862,	Janes,	E. A. Manning.
Charlestown,	April 1, 1863,	Scott,	E. A. Manning.
Chelsea,	March 30, 1864,	Ames,	E. A. Manning.
Cambridge,	March 29, 1865,	Baker,	E. A. Manning.
Chicopee,	April 4, 1866,	Simpson,	E. A. Manning.
Waltham,	March 27, 1867,	Scott,	E. A. Manning.
East Boston,	March 25, 1868,	Ames,	E. A. Manning.
Lowell,	March 24, 1869,	Thomson,	E. A. Manning.
Springfield,	March 23, 1870,	Scott,	E. A. Manning.
Boston Highlands,	March 29, 1871,	Clark and Simpson,	E. A. Manning.
Worcester,	March 27, 1872,	Ames,	E. A. Manning.
Lynn	April 2, 1873,	Wiley,	E. A. Manning.

Deceased Members of the N. E. Conference.

1806 - 1873.

Entered Ministry.	NAMES.	Time of Decease.	Age.	Years in Ministry.
1796	Peter Jayne	September 5, 1806.....	28	10
1805	Henry Martin	December 6, 1808		3
1805	William Hunt	June 17, 1810.....	23	4
1806	Greenleaf R. Norris.....	September 29, 1811.....	27	5
1808	Abner Clark.....	February 20, 1814	25	6
1813	Jason Walker	April 10, 1819	26	6
1812	Richard Emery	January 7, 1821.....	26	9
1822	Samuel G. Atkins	February 27, 1826	27	4
1818	Damon Young.....	March 12, 1826	33	8
1809	Edward Hyde	March 16, 1832	46	23
1824	Ebenezer Ireson	December 26, 1833	33	9
1817	Benjamin Keith	February 11, 1834	46	17
1830	Samuel Osgood Wright.....	March 29, 1834	25	4
1832	Oliver E. Bosworth.....	March 5, 1835	26	4
1801	Phineas Peck.....	—, 1835.....		34
1828	George Stone	December 30, 1838	33	10
1818	Wilbur Fisk	February 22, 1839	47	21
1835	Joshua W. Downing	July 5, 1839	26	4
1837	Joseph S. Ellis	June 19, 1842	30	5
1836	William Smith	March 30, 1843	41	7
1835	James Oliver Dean	October 12, 1844.....	34	9
1833	Jason Lee	March 12, 1845	42	12
1829	Edmund Murphy Beebe.....	March 19, 1845	40	16
1796	Timothy Merritt.....	May 2, 1845	71	49
1824	Reuben Ransom.....	—, 1845	51	21
1838	James Mudge.....	February 28, 1846	37	8
1806	Joel Steele.....	August 23, 1846	64	40
1790	George Pickering.....	December 8, 1846	77	56
1834	Thomas W. Gile	October 7, 1847.....	46	13
1807	Joseph A. Merrill	July 22, 1849	64	42
1840	John Clark	October 19, 1849	39	9
1838	Moses Palmer	March 18, 1850	35	12
1793	Enoch Mudge.....	April 2, 1850	74	57
1844	William Bardwell	March 27, 1851	37	7
1814	Thomas C. Peirce.....	May 25, 1851	60	37
1841	Charles W. Ainsworth	September 23, 1851.....	34	10
1835	George Washington Bates ..	September 24, 1851.....	40	16
1803	Elijah Willard	September 5, 1852.....	70	49
1828	Robert D. Easterbrook	November —, 1852.....	49	24
1820	Jotham Horton.....	February 28, 1853	54	33
1807	Charles Virgin.....	April 1, 1853	66	46
1835	Freeman Nutting.....	December 7, 1853	42	18
1841	Isaac Aylsworth Savage	February 16, 1854	39	13
1833	James Shepard.....	May 22, 1855	53	22
1834	Windsor Ward	September 3, 1855.....	43	21
1834	Jonathan D. Bridge	July 25, 1856	44	22
1842	John W. Perkins	February 8, 1858	44	16
1837	William M. Mann	January 11, 1859	42	22
1812	Joseph Ireson	September 5, 1859.....	70	47
1843	Isaac Smith.....	July 16, 1860	43	17
1805	Erastus Otis	August 20, 1860	77	55
1846	Joseph Augustus Adams.....	August 27, 1860	42	14
1809	Amasa Taylor	October 18, 1860.....	73	51
1839	Moses A. Howe	January 27, 1861.....	51	22
1806	Benjamin F. Lambord.....	March 19, 1862	76	56
1843	Henry E. Hempstead.....	December 21, 1862	41	18
1836	George Washington Green ..	October 8, 1863.....	47	28
1821	Charles Baker	August 16, 1864.....	66	43
1798	Epaphras Kibby.....	September 8, 1864.....	87	67
1839	Chester Field.....	November 24, 1864.....	48	25
1808	David Kilburn.....	July 13, 1865	80	57
1831	Charles S. Macreading.....	April 11, 1866.....	54	35
1812	Jacob Sanborn	March 16, 1867.....	79	55
1850	Oliver S. Howe	April 7, 1867	42	17
1865	Henry T. Eddy	September 27, 1866	26	3
1864	J. W. H. Ames	June 12, 1866		3
1806	E. F. Newell	March 8, 1867	91	61
1823	Stephen Puffer	April 23, 1867	71	44
1844	Samuel Tupper	January 11, 1869	48	25
1868	Benj. Frank Chace.....	March 28, 1869.....	28	1
1843	L. D. Stebbins.....	Nov. 1, 1869	52	26
1853	I. S. Cushman	Sept. 6, 1870	47	17
1861	F. C. Morse	Jan. 14, 1871	36	10
1819	Edward T. Taylor	Apr. 5, 1871.....	77	52
1812	Thos. W. Tucker	Aug. 6, 1871	80	59
1859	Nelson Stutson.....	Apr. 16, 1871.....	48	12
1833	E. B. Morgan.....	June 10, 1871.....	65	40
1844	D. E. Chapin.....	May 25, 1871.....	57	27
1844	I. J. P. Collyer.....	May 7, 1872.....	58	28
1858	L. R. S. Brewster.....	March 18, 1873	37	15
1872	J. R. Tiddy	Nov. 2, 1872.....	28	7 months.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

To the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Fathers and Brethren,—At another annual meeting, just concluded, we have it to report that a pleasant Christian harmony prevailed, which rendered it easy to transact all necessary business, while at the same time the free discussion of differences served only to strengthen the unity of aim and purpose.

The presence of the lay element in our counsels, as a component part of our body, served to vindicate the legislation of the Church so recently exercised in respect to the great organic change which brings preachers and people into a closer co-operation.

The financial status of the New-York Book Concern, June 29, 1872, and of the Western Book Concern, Nov. 30, 1872, with statements of sales and periodical business of both for the year ending at the date last named, are so fully set forth in the accompanying exhibits as to render any extended remarks here unnecessary.

The Committee are of opinion that the large transactions of both Concerns are being judiciously managed by the agents in charge, and an increased assurance in this regard arises from the reports of the local sub-committees at New York and Cincinnati, who, being prominent business laymen, have given an unusual amount of time to an investigation of the modes of business, and the manner of keeping accounts, and also to the inspection of receipts and disbursements.

The Committee, without a dissenting voice, requested the agents at New York to issue on the 1st of October next a first-class weekly Sunday-school paper, to take the place of "The Sunday-School Journal," or rather to be a continuation of "The Journal" in an enlarged form, and to include reading matter better adapted to the more advanced Sunday-school scholars and teachers. Of the nearly one and a half million in the Sunday schools of our Church, it is believed there are not less than six hundred thousand, about one-third of that number, teachers, to whom the proposed paper is especially adapted, and for whom, up to this time, only very inadequate provision has been made.

The Committee discussed anxiously the various suggestions of members as to methods for a more vigorous and successful prosecution of the business of the Book Concern. It was generally admitted, that, to effect extensive sales, we have not an equal chance with a large class of popular publishers, because our publications are not such as are demanded by the vitiated public taste for a flashy and dangerous literature, such as is thrown broadcast by those houses whose sole object is money-making.

The German department of our Church stands fully acquitted. The Book Concern has one subscriber to the "Christian Apologist" for every two German Methodists, and almost one Sunday-school paper subscription besides for every member. A magazine just started, a periodical of a heavier and more costly kind, has already reached a subscription equal to one in six of the whole number of our German members, which ratio would give a circulation of more than two hundred thousand copies of the "Ladies' Repository" among the English-speaking Methodists, and a combined circulation of seven hundred and fifty thousand copies of the several Advocates.

The Committee express the earnest hope that the solicitude and energies of our preachers and people will be brought to bear earnestly and unitedly upon the spread of truth and righteousness by the wider diffusion of Methodist literature through this and all lands.

The Committee, in reviewing the operations of the Book Concerns, are impressed with the fact, that the system of credits has been practised to an extent injurious alike to our people and the welfare of our Book Concerns. We have consequently urged on our agents the importance of restricting credit, and bringing our business as nearly as possible to a cash basis.

WILLIAM H. HUNTER, *Chairman*.
I. D. KING, *Secretary*.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14, 1873.

**EXHIBIT OF THE METHODIST BOOK CONCERN,
NEW YORK, JUNE 29, 1872.**

ASSETS.

1. REAL ESTATE. —One undivided three-fourths of property 805	
Broadway, corner Eleventh Street	\$600,000
Buildings and lots, Mulberry and Mott Streets.....	125,000
Buildings and lots, Pittsburgh, Penn.....	85,900
Buildings and lots, San Francisco, Cal.....	30,000
Land in Hamilton, N J.....	200
Total Real Estate.....	\$790,200
2. CASH. —Cash on hand.....	25,020
3. MERCHANDISE. —Books, bound and in sheets, stationery, &c....	\$167,905
Presses, type, plates, paper, &c., in printing office.....	155,135
Materials and tools in bindery.....	20,166
Stock in Depositories: Boston, Buffalo, and Pittsburgh.....	59,797
	403,003
4. NOTES AND ACCOUNTS.	428,371
TOTAL ASSETS.	\$1,646,594

LIABILITIES.

1. BONDS. —Amount of Bonds issued and sold for the payment of property 805 Broadway.....		\$500,000
2. NOTES. —The Concern owes on Notes and Mortgages.....		176,119
		676,119
Capital as per Ledger.....		\$970,475
<i>Deduct:</i> Estimated amount necessary to fill contracts with subscribers for advance payments.....	\$69,208	
Twenty-five per cent from notes and accounts for probable losses.....	107,093	
		176,301
Net capital, June 29, 1872.		\$794,174

**EXHIBIT OF THE WESTERN METHODIST BOOK CONCERN,
CINCINNATI, NOV. 30, 1872.**

ASSETS.

STOCK ON HAND. —Books, bound and in sheets, stationery, &c., in Cincinnati.....		\$133,713 72
Books, &c., at Chicago, St. Louis, and Atlanta..		62,785 98
		\$196,499 70
Presses, plates, type, printing paper, &c., in Cincinnati.....		\$123,631 04
Type, printing paper, &c., in Chicago, St. Louis, and Atlanta.....		7,340 87
		130,971 91
Material and tools in bindery and foundry in Cincinnati.....		16,849 00
REAL ESTATE. —In Cincinnati.....		\$204,575 86
In Chicago.....		10,000 00
In St. Louis.....		45,650 00
		260,225 86
NOTES AND ACCOUNTS. —In Cincinnati.....		\$199,83 59
In Chicago, St. Louis, and Atlanta.....		160,417 77
		\$360,251 36
Deduct 25 per cent for probable losses.....		90,065 34
		270,186 02
Due from the Episcopal Fund.....		8,031 25
Office furniture and safes, in Cincinnati		\$2,500 00
" safe, and store-fixtures, in Chicago, St. Louis, and Atlanta.....		222 02
		9,722 02
Cash and drafts on hand.		12,608 55
		\$910,154 31

LIABILITIES.

NOTES AND ACCOUNTS. —In Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis....		442,735 09
Net capital, Nov. 30, 1872.		\$467,419 22

METHODIST BOOK CONCERN, NEW YORK.

SALES FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOV. 30, 1872.

Books at New York Concern.....	\$322,914 98	
“ sold to Depositories.....	59,919 41	
		\$382,834 39
Periodical sales.....		177,696 87
		<u>\$560,531 26</u>
SALES BY DEPOSITORIES:		
Boston.....	\$84,079 68	
Buffalo.....	46,884 22	
Pittsburgh.....	41,598 25	
San Francisco.....	8,970 00	
		<u>181,532 15</u>
		<u>\$742,063 41</u>

CIRCULATION OF PERIODICALS, FEB. 11, 1873.

Quarterly Review.....	3,750	Ladies' Repository.....	4,350
Christian Advocate.....	40,000	Golden Hours.....	825
Sunday-School Journal.....	70,700	Lesson Leaves.....	535,000
Sunday-School Advocate.....	117,800	Picture Lesson Paper.....	59,850
Good News.....	51,000	Leaf Cluster.....	1,500

WESTERN METHODIST BOOK CONCERN.

SALES FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOV. 30, 1872.

CINCINNATI.—Book sales.....	\$239,232 81	
Periodical sales.....	207,880 40	
		\$447,113 21
CHICAGO.—Book sales.....	\$80,132 42	
Periodical sales.....	95,744 39	
		175,876 81
ST. LOUIS.—Book sales.....	\$48,260 63	
Periodical sales.....	33,599 37	
		81,860 00
ATLANTA.—Book sales.....	\$4,508 82	
Periodical sales.....	4,950 51	
		<u>9,459 33</u>
Total sales for 1872.....		<u>\$714,309 35</u>

CIRCULATION OF PERIODICALS, NOV. 30, 1872.

Quarterly Review.....	1,279	Sandebudet (<i>Scandinavian</i>).....	1,100
Ladies' Repository.....	22,500	Sunday-School Advocate (<i>average</i>)..	163,136
Golden Hours.....	7,800	Good News.....	29,433
Western Christian Advocate.....	22,032	Sunday-School Bell (<i>German</i>).....	22,000
North-western Christian Advocate..	15,873	Sunday-School Journal.....	20,337
Central Christian Advocate.....	10,967	Lesson Leaves.....	175,000
Methodist Advocate.....	3,100	Picture Lesson Papers.....	12,300
Christian Apologist.....	15,072	Bible Lessons (<i>German</i>).....	9,000

EPISCOPAL FUND.

FROM JUNE 1 TO NOV. 30, 1872.

PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF BISHOPS:		
By New-York Book Concern.....	\$19,083 77	
By Western Book Concern.....	9,672 80	
		<u>\$28,756 57</u>
RECEIVED FOR THE EPISCOPAL FUND:		
By New-York Book Concern.....	\$602 13	
By Western Book Concern.....	1,641 55	
		<u>2,243 68</u>
Deficiency in the six months.....		<u>\$26,512 89</u>

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